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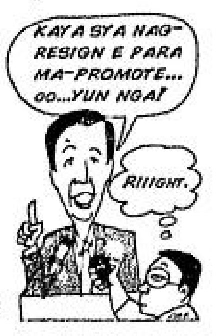
Official line on NFA chief: Kicked upstairs

By D. Pazzibugan and C. Balana


KAYA SYA NAG-RESIGN E PARA MA-PROMOTE... OO...YUN NGA!
RIIIGHT.

TWENTY-FOUR hours after the latest Palace snafu involving the resignation of a government official,

OFFICIAL/A6

GMA gift turns into scam

Gloria made road project a priority, says PEA chair

By Juliet Javellana and Armand Nocum

IT WAS the President herself who made the controversial road project a priority.

The chair of the Public Estates Authority, in the hot seat after a PEA director exposed the alleged overpricing in the P1.1-billion President Diosdado Macapagal Avenue, told the INQUIRER yesterday the road became a priority project only after President Macapagal-Arroyo got stuck in heavy traffic in Roxas Boulevard one time last year.

"Ernest, can you do something about this?" PEA chair Ernest Villareal recalled the President's words when she phoned him sometime in May or June last year in the middle of traffic in the congested boulevard.

Villareal told the INQUIRER the new road was meant to be Ms Macapagal's "gift to the people."

He said this was because it was the administration's first major infrastructure project.

That's when he told her the PEA would rush the Central Boulevard Project, as it was then called.

But the administration got an unexpected boost from an unlikely source yesterday. Opposition leader Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said an initial review of the documents related to the controversial project shows that there wasn't necessarily an overprice.

Interviewed during a martial law forum in De La Salle University, Pimentel also said there were no indications that First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo was involved.

"From my initial perusal of the documents, none at this point," he said.

Villareal, a Macapagal appointee, said he had thought of naming the access road after the President's late father. "We don't have a boulevard named after President Macapagal so I thought it was proper to name it in his honor," Villareal said.

After the PEA board approved the propos-

GMA/A6

BEYOND forgetting: Those who fell in the darkest days of martial rule are remembered at the Dambana ng mga Bayani with a Mass, offerings of flowers, love and gratitude.

JOAN BONDOC

Guingona: RP drifting to martial law

By Armand N. Nocum

VICE PRESIDENT Teofisto Guingona yesterday warned that the Philippine government's "leaning toward the United States" indicated a scenario that could lead to the reimposition of martial law.

But other panelists at a roundtable discussion marking the 30th anniversary of Ferdinand Marcos' declaration of martial law said the "principles" were already prevailing, and that the planned enactment of the proposed anti-terrorism bill would bring about de facto strongman rule.

Asked whether he saw a similarity between the situation today and that existing in 1972, Guingona said: "The leaning of the government toward the United States is a vital factor in similarity."

"I think martial law could not have been declared without the support and sanction of the US," said Guingona, who resigned as foreign secretary early last month because of differences with President Macapagal-Arroyo over the American military presence in the country.

GUINGONA/A18

Happy ending for unhappy 'Pangako' fans

By Leah Salterio

IF THERE was a traffic jam on Friday night, blame it on ABS-CBN which concluded its highly popular soap "Pangako sa 'Yo."

Viewers rushed home before 8 p.m. to catch the conclusion of the love story of Yna and Angelo (actors Kristine Hermosa and Jericho Rosales), the destiny awaiting Amor and Claudia and the fate of Eduardo, Diego and Simon—the principal characters in the television series, which is said to have changed the viewing habits of local fans.

So popular was "Pangako" that it made household names out of its characters and stars out of its principal actors. The series gave rise to the Kristine-Jericho love team. The two were paired in a hit movie recently.

Where they were starlets before "Pangako" with uncertain careers, Eula Valdez (Amor Powers) and Jean Garcia (Claudia) are now certified stars.

While many were pleased to witness a happy ending to the romance of Yna and Angelo, who finally ended up at the altar, a number of televiewers were saddened that the soap had to end.

Pacita Diaz, 44, a house helper and an ardent "Pangako" fan, said she would miss the series.

HAPPY/A19

Moms take control 'in home for happy children'

By Christine Avendaño

MARAMAG, Bukidnon—"Thank you for the program. It changed my life. Now I can read, write and count. Now I can also teach my children."

Sixteen mothers and grandmothers hurriedly scribbled these words last month in letters that they handed to visiting officials of the Unicef and the Australian Embassy.

The heartfelt words referred to a Female Functional Literacy (FFL) class wherein, sometimes with babies in tow, they learned such basics as counting, reading and writing.

The women, all residents of a province whose literate female population makes up less than 50 percent, also learned how to weigh and take the temperatures of their babies—motherly tasks especially important when health centers and hospitals are far away.

Unicef Country Representative Dr. Terrel Hill and Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce led the officials who came to take a look at how Bukidnon had been faring in the past three years in its goal to become "child-friendly."

Bukidnon Gov. Jose Zubiri and Vice Gov. Alex Calingasan welcomed the party of Hill and Pearce, which included Australian Third Secretary Justin Hayhurst and First Secretary Dr. Patricia Ludowyk.

Aside from the FFL class aimed at promoting responsible and effective parenting among the women, Hill and Pearce also visited a day-care center, nutrition post, health center and school. The facilities are projects assisted by the Unicef and the Australian Agency for International Development under the Fifth

MOMS/A18

Gov't still undecided on what to do with Imelda treasures

By Donna S. Cueto

THE GOVERNMENT has yet to decide what to do with the fabulous Imelda Marcos jewelry collection.

Take for instance, a yellow gold 30.71-carat diamond-studded bracelet with a central marquise cut diamond crafted by Bulgari. It was valued at from $800,000 to $1.2 million—a "conservative estimate—when it was appraised by the famed auction house Sotheby's 12 years ago.

It is so exquisite that Sotheby's recommended for it to be further graded in a gemological laboratory.

This is the single most expensive jewelry in the Imelda Marcos collection consisting of 89 pieces inventoried and valuated by Sotheby's in March, 1990.

At that time, the saleroom estimated value of the jewelry pieces was placed by Sotheby's from a low of $4,194,920 to a high of $5,736,600.

They have been stored in the basement vault of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas since they were sequestered in 1986. The Presidential Commission on Good Government believes the jewelry is part of the ill-gotten wealth of the Marcoses.

Sotheby's estimated the total value of the jewelry along with silverware, European and Chinese ceramics, paintings, icons and paintings at a low of $16,952,793 to a high of $23,909,526.

Sotheby's estimated the museum-quality silverware at $3,837,730 to $5,085,970; European ceramics, $194,000 to $280,700; Chinese ceramics, $290,103 to $423,136; icons, $58,390 to $85,520; and paintings, $8,377,650 to $12,297,600.

They are all contained in a 235-page catalogue submitted to the PCGG and the Office of the President.

The valuation and inventory of these precious assets were done for

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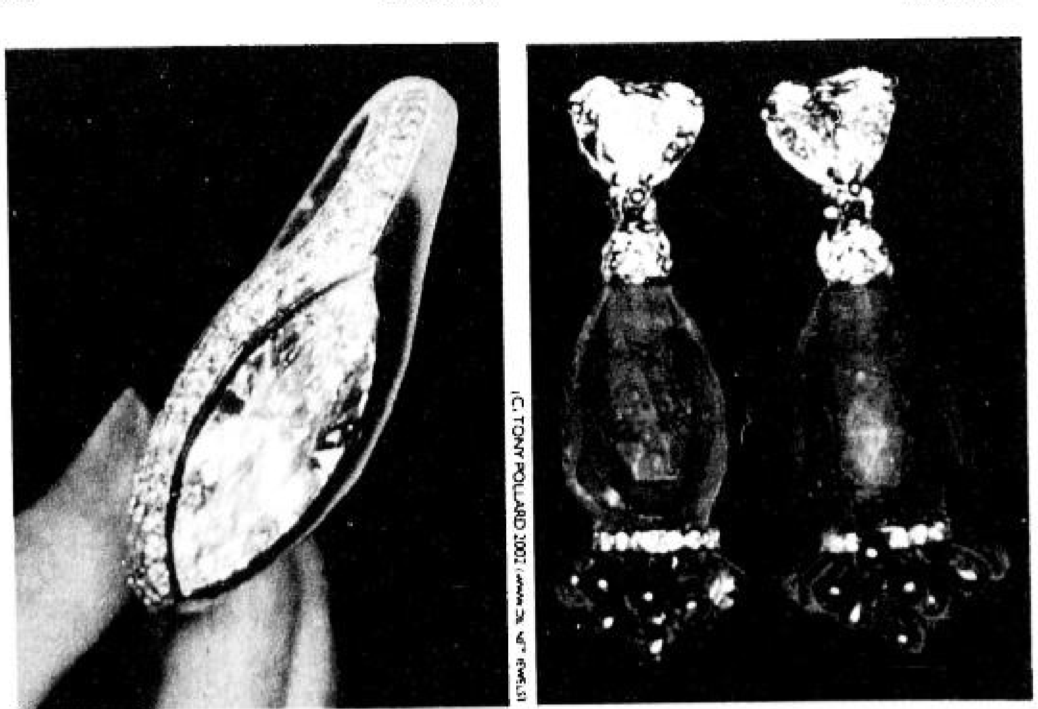

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$1.2M in 1990: 30.7 carat diamond-studded bracelet with a central marquise. Pineapple-shaped emerald earrings (at right) with heart-shaped 1.5 carat diamonds, $15,000.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to at times cloudy with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

SOURCE: PAGASA

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Metro Manila	Cloudy with Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
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Tuguegarao	Cloudy with Rains	Cebu	Cloudy with Rains
Laoag	Cloudy with Rains	Tacloban	Cloudy with Rains
Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Cloudy with Rains	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Evacuation called off

By Dona Pazzibugan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo has called off the evacuation of some 100 Filipinos in Iraq.

In her weekly radio address yesterday, the President said the threat of war has diminished, since Iraq has agreed to an unconditional arms inspection by the United Nations, as demanded by the United States.

Nonetheless, Ms Macapagal said she has instructed former Armed Forces chief of staff Roy Cimatu, her special envoy to the Middle East, to proceed to Iraq and neighboring countries to check the situation of Filipinos there.

But in an interview later in the day, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said Cimatu might not go to Iraq anymore.

"According to him (Cimatu)," Bunye said, "he would just go to the surrounding countries."

In her radio address, Ms Macapagal stressed that the Philippines would support any UN action in the US-Iraq conflict.

"We are determined to honor our commitment to support the global campaign against terrorism," she said.

Young leaders, old habits

Cries of bribery mar SK presidents' elections

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

IN AN eerie echo of the prevailing national political culture, youth leaders—many of them children of politicians—have denounced the alleged corruption and irregularities in the recent elections for the officers of the national Sangguniang Kabataan federation.

"We've been corrupted. How can the youth be the hope of the motherland?" said Cecilia Layus, one of three national SK presidents who condemned the alleged rampant vote-buying and gross violations of election rules and procedures in last Sunday's voting.

Some 88 SK presidents from all over the country elected their national president, executive vice presidents, vice presidents, secretary general, treasurer, PRO and 16 regional directors in elections held at the Great Eastern Hotel in Quezon City on Sept. 15.

The SK presidents had been gathered at the hotel since Thursday last week for the three-day convention that preceded the voting.

The Sangguniang Kabataan was created by RA 7160, or the Local Governments Code of 1991, which provides for an SK council in every barangay. Elected officers of a barangay SK—consisting of a chair, seven members, a secretary and treasurer—are elected every three years. Elections are open to all barangay youth residents aged 15 to 18 years.

Layus and the two other SK presidents, Meljohn Verzosa and Jose Matthew Tatco IV, said that their airplane tickets, pocket money, hotel accommodations and P4,800 registration fee had been provided by staffers of Ariel Arcillas, the SK president of Laguna who won the election.

The three said Arcilla's father, Leon Arcillas, the mayor of Sta. Rosa, Laguna, and other Laguna mayors were in the election premises during the voting.

Verzosa and Tatco were defeated by Arcillas, who got 62 of the 88 votes cast. Verzosa got 19 while Tatco got six votes.

Tatco, the SK president of the National Capital Region, cited the vote-buying in a petition seeking to nullify the election results that he filed with the SK elections committee.

He also alleged that qualified voters from Metro Manila were disenfranchised when they were excluded from the voting.

Tatco said in his petition that more than 30 SK federation delegates in rooms 505, 706 and 810 had been caught receiving gifts and envelopes supposedly containing shopping money.

He said free plane tickets and hotel accommodations as well as pocket money were given to the delegates, their chaperons and officers of the National Board.

The 17-year-old Arcillas denied the allegations.

"That's not true, I know nothing about that," he said even as he asked to be given until Monday to answer the allegation as he was reviewing for an exam.

But he admitted that his father, who heads the Laguna mayors' league, was indeed around during the elections.

Tatco told the INQUIRER that he personally witnessed the vote-buying in room 810 of the hotel on Saturday. He said that although the rules prohibited SK delegates from roaming around the hotel hallways to prevent fraud, he saw SK presidents going up to room 810, which he said was billeted as a "private room."

Layus, a daughter of Cagayan Rep. Celia Layus, said that she was personally asked by a "staff member from Laguna" to register later so that she would not have to pay the P4,800 registration fee.

"It was obviously a bribe," she said, adding that she was ready to testify.

She said she learned from two other SK presidents that they were given P4,800 and P6,500, plus plane tickets.

Verzosa, the son of a police major, said many SK delegates confirmed the vote-buying by the Laguna candidate although he personally did not experience it. He said Arcillas had invited him to go with him to the Century Park Hotel "because the others are already there" but he did not go.

Richie Nalupta, the outgoing SK national federation president, said he knew of the vote-buying only from Tatco's petition.

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GMA: Your days are numbered

PRESIDENT Macapagal Arroyo yesterday warned kidnap gangs their days are numbered after a television report showed video footage of four teachers kidnapped last week tearfully appealing for her help.

In her weekly radio address, Arroyo did not comment specifically on the teachers' appeal, broadcast by GMA television Friday, but referred instead to a shootout near Manila in which police killed three kidnappers Wednesday.

"This will also serve as a warning to the remaining kidnap groups — your days are numbered," she said.

The four Mindanao State University teachers were seized by gunmen last week in Marawi City.

The TV station said it received a video tape and letters from the victims, but did not give details. *AP*

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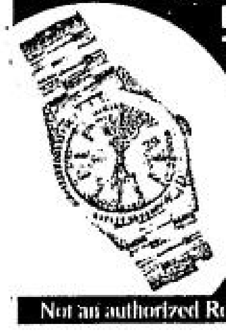
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Bad investments cost P1B

By Cynthia D. Balana

STATE agencies holding trust funds, including the Government Service Insurance System, lose P800 million to P1 billion in earnings yearly, largely due to poor investment decisions, according to Sen. Edgardo Angara.

Angara said an initial research by the Senate minority showed that the GSIS had granted private sector borrowers questionable loans that either turned sour or landed in the center of controversy.

He cited the GSIS' $10 million placement with Smith Barney Shearson Inc., a funding company based in San Francisco, California, which guaranteed an income of 17 percent a year, but ended up with a meager 2.5 percent.

The big agencies named in the research were the Armed Forces of the Philippines-Retirement and Separation Benefit System, Social Security System, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, and Pag-Ibig Fund.

Angara said the widespread report of anomalies was the basis of Senate Resolution 330 which he and several minority senators recently filed to safeguard the funds.

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The new officers of the Philippine Daily Inquirer Employees' Union take their oath of office before National Labor Relations Commission Chair Roy Señeres. They are (from left to right) Martin Marfil, president; Rolly Abad, director; Marife Reyes, auditor; Norman Bordadora, vice president-internal; Joy Tabuso, director; Genie Lagman, director; Laleng Mansilla, treasurer; Fernan Vasquez, director; Ellen Caparros, director; and Grace Santos, director. Not in photo are secretary general Santi Alcantara, and directors Jerome Aning, Bong Aquino, Ning Lalicon and Darwin Romanillos.

'They're after P12-B lung center land'

By Armand Nocum

THE SUSPENDED director of the Lung Center of the Philippines has claimed that certain groups "salivating" for a P12-billion prime lot in Quezon City owned by the LCP are behind his ouster.

terview, Dr. Fernando Melendres revealed that the land title for the 12-hectare prime lot on Quezon Avenue —which is priced at about P100,000 per sq. m.—was missing.

"We have not seen the title for a very long time now," Melendres said.

According to him, the last time the title was seen was when it was turned over to Dr. Calixto Zaldivar, his predecessor.

Malacañang recently issued an administrative order suspending Melendres from service and ordering the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) to investigate various graft charges against him.

Melendres said the charges were "petty" and expressed bewilderment over why Malacañang had to order his suspension.

He said people within and outside the LCP orchestrated his ouster because he was dead-set on converting the sprawling LCP property into a "multi-specialty center," a one-stop medical center for heart, brain, blood and cancer patients.

He said the project, which the LCP has been working on for the past two years, was estimated to cost about P8 billion.

However, he said certain construction and medical groups, which he declined to identify, wanted to convert the LCP lot —which lies between the commercial areas of East and Quezon Avenues—into a "mixed-use" medical, commercial and residential center.

Melendres said he was opposed to the plan as it would go against the charter of the LCP.

"To push through with their plans, they have to get me out of the picture," he said.

Melendres, who was appointed LCP head by ousted ex-president Estrada, said the developers went to see him after President Macapagal-Arroyo was installed into office.

President names new ERC chair

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo appointed on Friday Energy Regulatory Commission Commissioner Leticia Ibay as acting ERC chair to replace Fe Barin, who resigned yesterday.

Barin has been appointed to the Monetary Board to replace Teodoro Montecillo, who sits as private sector representative.

Montecillo's six-year term ended on Aug. 5.

A Malacañang news release said Ibay has been in government service for 33 years, most of which were spent with the Board of Investments.

She graduated cum laude from the Philippine College of Commerce and finished law at the Manuel L. Quezon University.

She is married to Makati Regional Trial Court Branch 135 Judge Francisco Ibay, with whom she has three children.

Barin, on the other hand, obtained her law degree from the University of the Philippines.

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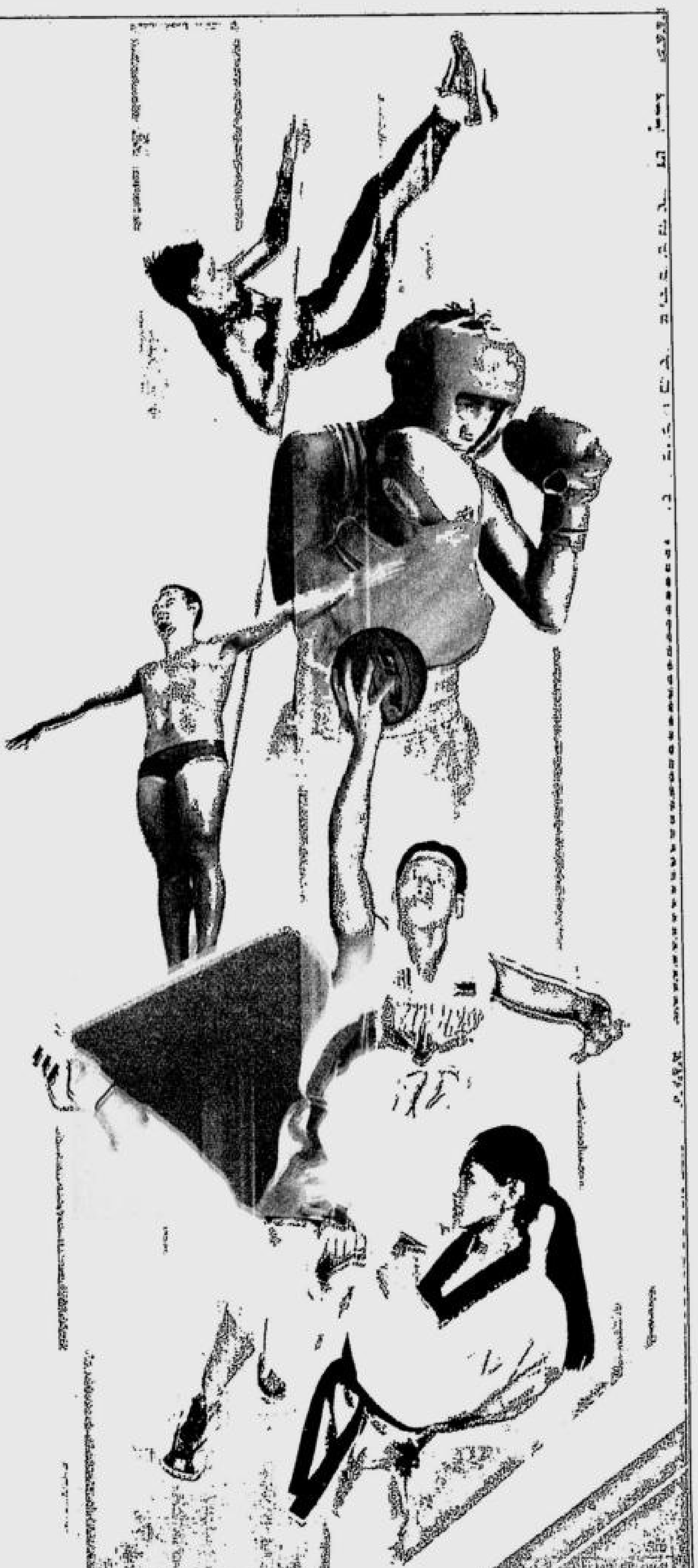

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GMA gift turns into scam

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al, he said he broached the idea to Ms Macapagal shortly before she inaugurated the P1.1-billion road last April.

"Why not?" he recalled her as replying.

Even as Pimentel counseled moderation, however, a congressman sought a wider House investigation of Macapagal avenue. Deputy Minority Leader Rolex Suplico said he wants officials of the Government Service Insurance System, which bankrolled the project, included in the probe.

Suplico, citing his own sources inside GSIS, said the agency reduced pension payments and refused many loan applications of its members just to be able to extend the P1.1-billion loan to the PEA.

Suplico, set to file a resolution on Monday calling for an inquiry, said he would ask that GSIS president Winston Garcia be investigated as well. He also named Marcos Catalan, senior vice president and head of corporate legal service group, for having allegedly "connived" with Garcia to reduce the pension payments and withhold members' loans.

He said Garcia also deferred the implementation of the housing loan condonation program because of the PEA loan.

"I was supposed to file the resolution last Friday but I got a number of calls from reliable sources from the GSIS who told me that some ranking officials of the agency are actually involved in the collusion to ensure that the project would push through despite objections of some of their colleagues," Suplico said in a statement.

He said the P1.1-billion PEA loan was "approved in haste" and those who questioned it were immediately suspended.

"There is an atmosphere of fear now in the GSIS because of Garcia's harassment actions against those who are known to be against the PEA deal," Suplico said.

Suplico said that when the INQUIRER broke the newest PEA scandal, Garcia and Catalan immediately ordered the retrieval of the documents of the PEA loan.

Pained

The road, which runs parallel to Roxas Boulevard, is designed to decongest the main thoroughfare and pave the way for the development of the 750-hectare Manila Bay reclamation area.

But PEA Director Sulficio Tagud Jr. disclosed that the road was tainted with anomalies and overpriced to the tune of P600 million by the Jesusito D. Legaspi Construction, which built a 2.3-km stretch of the road.

Villareal said he was "pained" by allegations that First Gentleman Mike Arroyo had a hand in the alleged anomaly in the contract.

"I don't know why everybody is trying to pin down the First Gentleman to every contract that had a bad connotation," Villareal said.

"The First Gentleman was never involved in this," he said.

Villareal said he received only one call from Arroyo about the road. That was mere days before the President inaugurated the road in April, he said.

Villareal admitted that he and the First Gentleman were friends. They belong to the same Rotary Club of Makati Central, where they first met the year Arroyo became its president.

"But he never asked me for anything," he said.

Villareal said he also went to the Asian Institute of Management together with Diosdado "Boboy" Macapagal Jr., the President's brother.

He did not know if being a friend of the First Couple's landed him the job at the PEA.

Villareal previously worked for the Aboitiz shipping company, said to be one of Ms Macapagal's biggest campaign financiers.

Alleged offense

Pimentel said if the paper trail does lead to the President's husband, then Arroyo should be charged for the alleged offense.

"My point of view is that all those that should be hit, must be hit, in accordance with law," he said.

Pimentel said he received the documents on the matter Friday night and he concluded that the supposed overprice could still be explained.

"It shows there have been several sections in the project, there are sections that were not part of the original price, such as the two bridges and a connecting road from the Macapagal highway to the main highway in Roxas boulevard," he said.

"If it is true, then that could be a justification why the price was increased," he said.

He also said that he would like to see a speedy and "thorough investigation so that the guilty can be jailed. We should not keep this hanging unresolved because issues of scams hang heavy ... (It's) 'bad for the government.'"

Delay in resolution of the controversy, he said, could lead to talks that Malacañang was trying to cover up the matter.

Pimentel said he disagreed with the position of the Senate blue ribbon committee chair, Sen. Joker Arroyo, who said his committee will not start the investigation until the committee on public works chaired by Sen. Ramon Revilla acted on the case first.

Pimentel insisted that the investigation should be done simultaneously by the two committees to pinpoint responsibility and punish the guilty parties. *With reports from Cynthia Balana and TJ Burgonio*

Official line ...

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Malacañang finally came out with an official statement:

National Food Authority Administrator Anthony Abad did in fact resign last week, but only to be promoted.

The flip-flop-flip prompted oppositionist Sen. Teresa Aquino-Oreta to blast the administration for its "dirty tactic" of kicking out an appointee without first opening the door to let him out.

In Malacañang, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye read from a prepared statement: "President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo announced that Abad would be moving on to assume higher responsibilities in another agency of government requiring his expertise and training." He said the President thanked Abad for his "unselfish dedication" as NFA administrator.

Bunye then begged off from further questions, saying he did not have other details. He said he did not know when and why Abad resigned, and who would replace him.

When pressed, however, Bunye admitted that Abad did resign.

"That is necessary for him to assume the other office. He cannot have two positions at the same time, so he has to resign first," he said.

But a well-placed source told the INQUIRER that Abad submitted his irrevocable resignation on Sept. 17 citing "personal reasons."

Apparently, Abad was pushed into resigning after the third public dressing down he and other NFA officials received from the President on Sept. 3.

Add to this the persistent rumors circulating the past couple of months that he was on the way out. Presidential adviser on agriculture Lito Sarmiento was said to be eyeing Abad's post, though Sarmiento has denied this.

Resignations

Malacañang has suffered three successive resignations in as many months. Abad's resignation came on the heels of the resignation of Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr. as foreign secretary and Raul Roco as education secretary.

During his news briefing on Friday afternoon, Bunye announced Abad's resignation.

He said this was confirmed to him by Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo, who would name Abad's replacement shortly.

But Romulo did not make any announcement; his staff even denied that there was a resignation.

Bunye did not answer inquiries until yesterday afternoon.

Abad also could not be reached Friday night, but his office was said to have denied that he has resigned.

In a separate interview Friday, housing chief Mike Defensor insisted "there was no resignation."

He said there would be a reshuffle among the chiefs of the NFA, the Tariff Commission and the state-run Philippine International Trading Corp.

Unconfirmed reports said lawyer Arthur Yap, who heads PTIC, would replace Abad.

Prior to his appointment to the NFA on March 6, 2001, Abad was commissioner of the Tariff Commission.

At the Senate, Oreta said the Macapagal administration should drop what she called a rude management style that betrays its seeming antipathy to due process.

But Oreta did say that the NFA chief had it coming.

She said if only Abad had a sense of "delicadeza," he could have preempted Malacañang and quit earlier.

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President steers clear of RP-China diplomatic row

By Michael Lim Ubac, Cynthia Balana and Dona Pazzibugan

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo is apparently avoiding getting involved in a heated controversy in which her justice secretary has demanded the expulsion of the Chinese ambassador.

Justice Secretary Hernando Perez went to see the President on Friday night soon after demanding that Chinese Ambassador Wang Chungui be declared persona non grata.

But Presidential Spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said Malacañang was leaving it to the Department of Foreign Affairs to handle the matter. He refused to comment further.

Perez said on Friday he would seek to have Wang expelled for trying to intimidate and bully him into releasing 122 Chinese fishermen who were caught poaching in Palawan last May.

Perez said Wang shouted and banged his fist on a desk several times in their confrontation as he objected to the conditions of having the Chinese fishermen plead guilty and pay hefty fines before being released.

The Chinese embassy yesterday claimed that Perez's account of the incident was "one-sided and inaccurate." The embassy circulated a statement yesterday that suggested the Philippines' relations with China would suffer as a result of Perez's action.

"We wish that this matter would not bring negative impact (on) the friendly cooperative relations between the two countries," the statement said.

Declaring embassy staff persona non grata means that person is not wanted or welcome in the country because he or she is unacceptable to the government. The person would be asked to leave within a specified period, usually a matter of hours.

Yesterday, opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel and various activist groups expressed their support for Perez and demanded that the Chinese ambassador be investigated for interfering in domestic legal proceedings.

Gordon: Open new airport in November

TOURISM Secretary Richard Gordon yesterday said that notwithstanding the controversies surrounding the project, the new Terminal 3 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport should open as scheduled in November.

Gordon, who has just returned from a trip to North America and China to promote the Philippines and its tourist attractions, said he saw no reason why the scheduled opening of the new terminal on Nov. 23 should be postponed.

"Let it be opened as scheduled, then continue with the investigation," he said.

The November opening of the new state-of-the-art terminal has been placed in grave doubt because of an ongoing Senate investigation, a Malacañang review of the government's contract with the Philippine International Air Terminals Co., the consortium that won the bid to build it, and conflicts between Piatco and its German partners.

The presidential adviser for special projects, Gloria Tan-Climaco, in an earlier review unearthed various "onerous" provisions in the contract and recommended a government takeover. Climaco said it would be impossible for the terminal to open on Nov. 26. *Jerome Aning*

High court gets tough

By Michael Lim Ubac

STEPPING up its drive to rid the judiciary of the proverbial bad eggs, the Supreme Court issued a harsh new ruling against erring judges and justices: automatic suspension or disbarment if found guilty of any administrative infraction.

Chief Justice Hilario Davide announced Friday night during Law Day celebration and the Philippine Bar Association's (PBA) induction ceremonies that the new rule should "further show the intensity of our resolve to weed out misfits."

Last week, Davide defended the judiciary from accusations that it is mired in widespread corruption, while admitting there were "a few bad eggs."

In a two-page full court resolution, the high tribunal mandated the automatic conversion of administrative cases against court officials into disciplinary proceedings, as called for by their being members of the Philippine bar.

SC Clerk of Court Luzviminda D. Puno, who signed the resolution promulgated Sept. 17, said the ruling, which would take effect on Oct. 1, covered justices of the appellate court and the Sandiganbayan, judges of regular and special courts, and court officials or employees who are lawyers.

Automatic conversion would apply to cases based on grounds for disciplinary action against bar members, which include: violation of the lawyer's oath, code of professional responsibility and the canons of professional ethics; and other forms of breaches of conduct traditionally recognized as cause for sanction.

At present, magistrates penalized for administrative offenses by the SC are not automatically dealt disciplinary sanction as lawyers.

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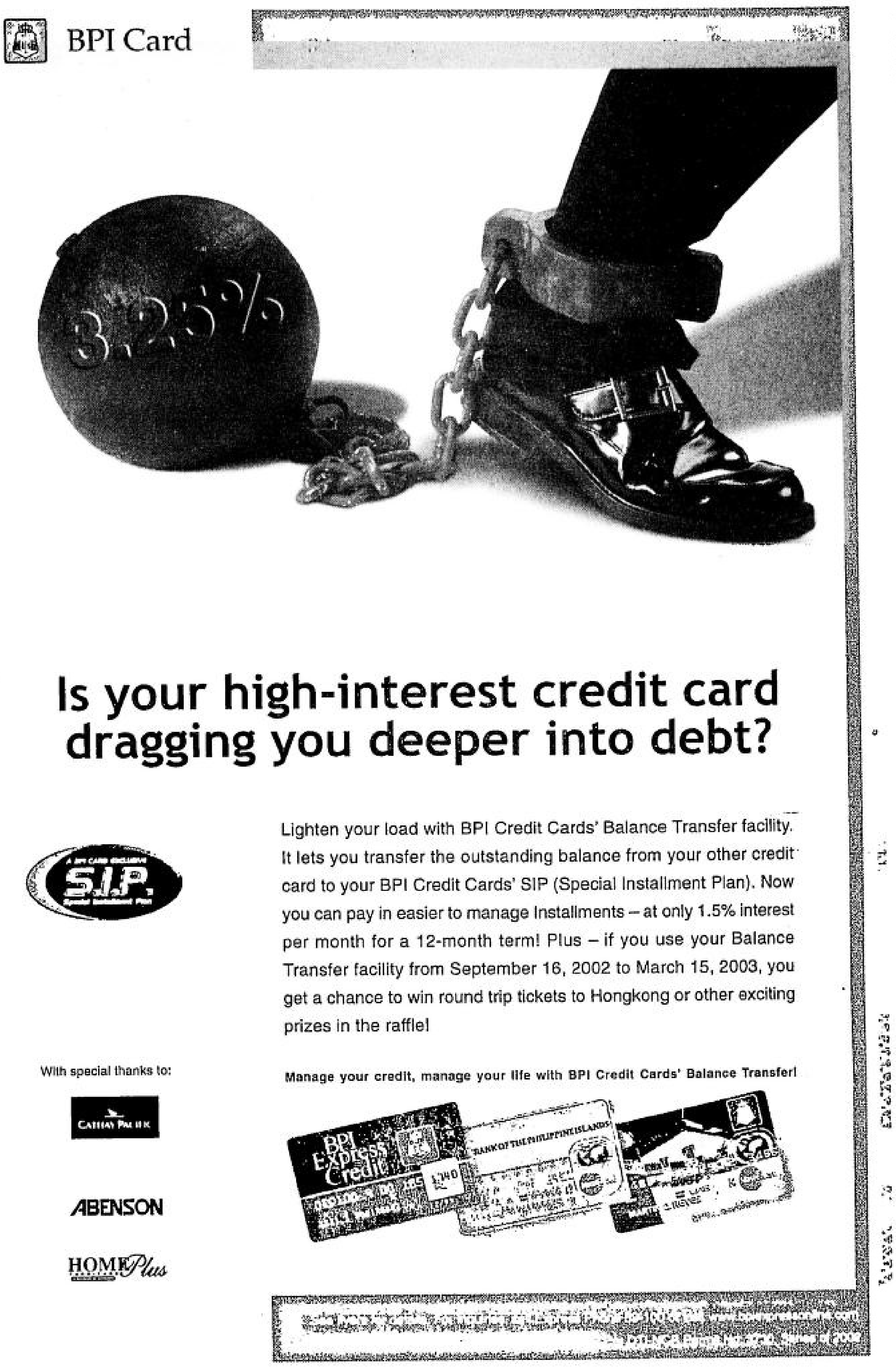

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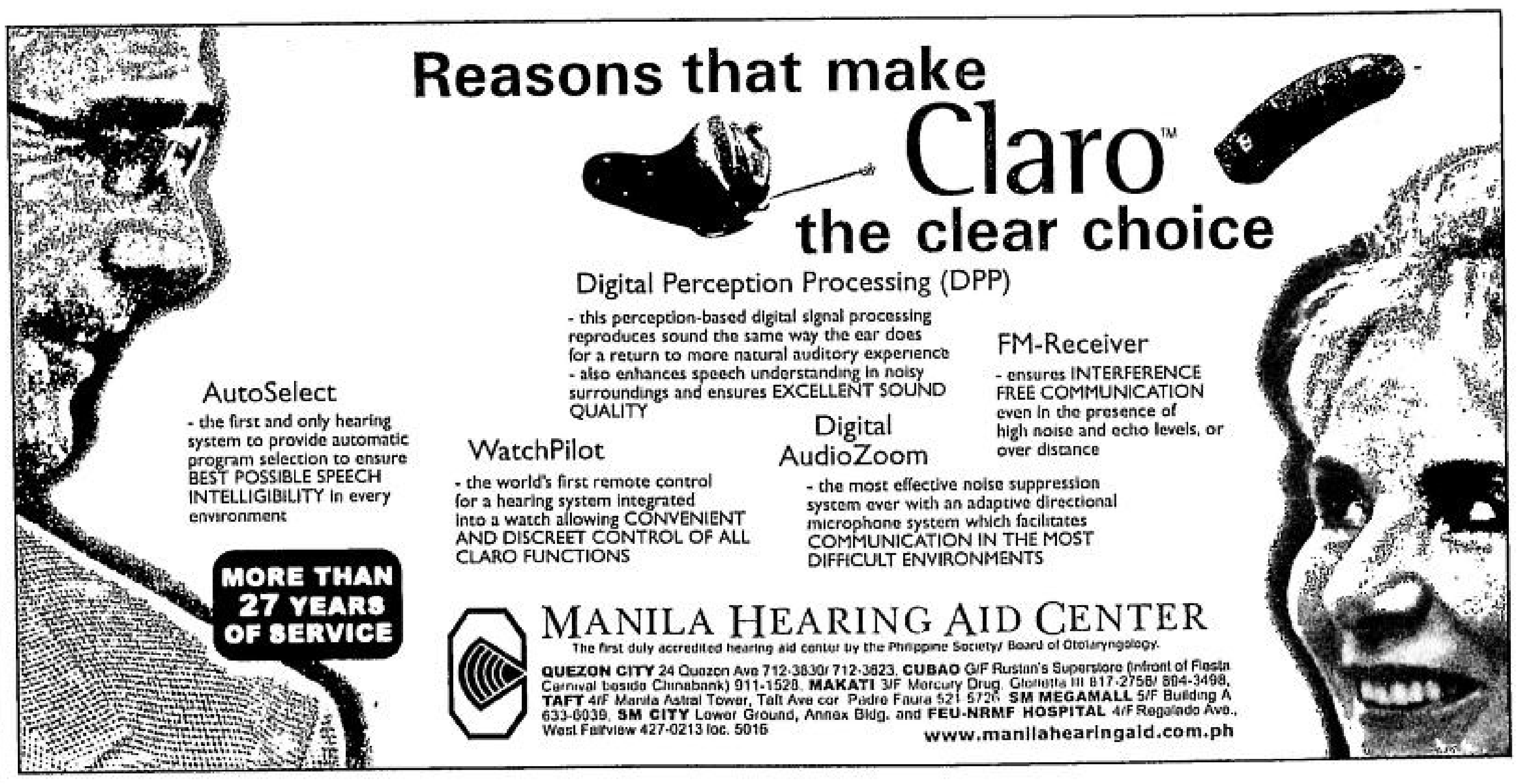

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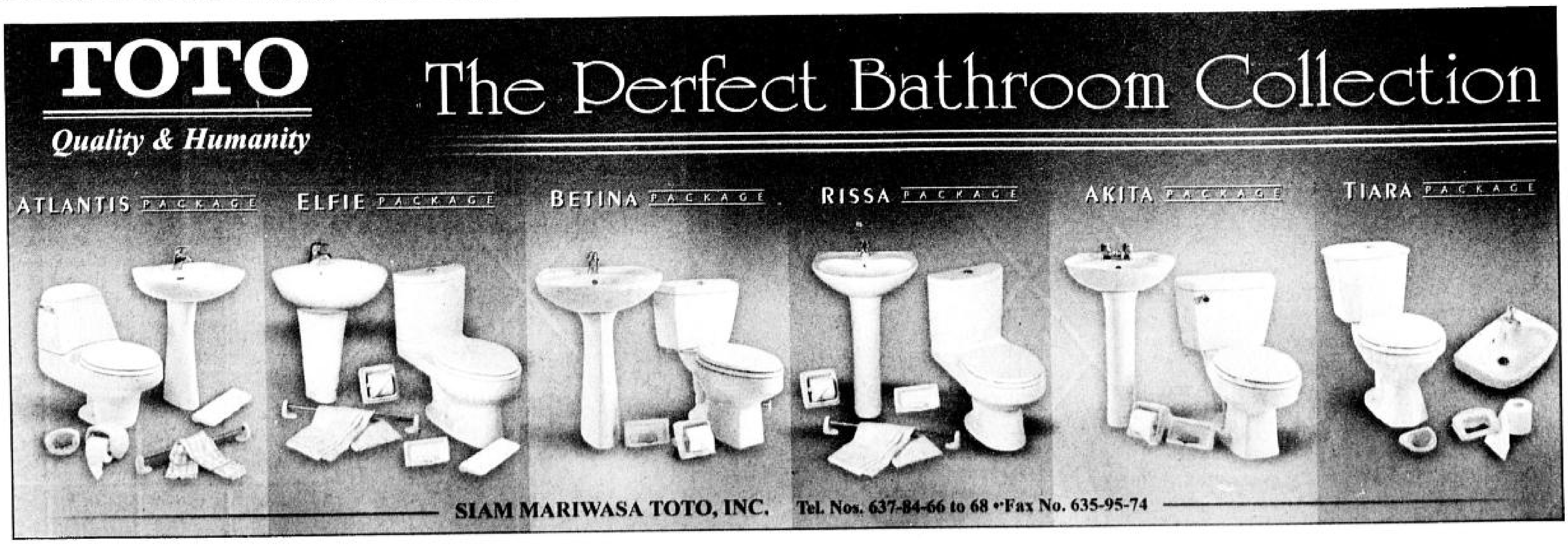

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EDITORIALS

A good laugh

MARX would have turned over in his grave. Groucho Marx, that is, not Karl.

The newly launched campaign by "militant youths" to raise funds in schools and on streetcorners in Metro Manila to help support Jose Ma. Sison's self-exile in the Netherlands may have seemed, in the planning stages, like an earnest political statement. Instead, it has come down like the punchline in a comedy routine.

Sison, of course, is the founding chair of the Communist Party of the Philippines, although these days the title he prefers is chief political consultant of the National Democratic Front. Since 1987, he has labored under the difficult conditions of a First World economy, grudgingly accepting the benefits of one of the world's leading welfare states. Humiliated by the Dutch government's rejection of his application for political asylum, he chose to soldier on in the bleak remoteness of the city of Utrecht.

The decision of the United States government last August to include the CPP and the New People's Army, the NDF's armed wing, in its list of terrorist organizations has given Sison the perfect opportunity to leave the inadequate hospitality of the Dutch behind, and to resume the struggle for "national liberation" within the borders of the nation he wants to liberate.

But he or his colleagues may have another thing in mind.

An Anakbayan official explained last Thursday that the "Piso para kay Prof. Joma campaign" the youth group had launched was intended "to shore up Joma's present condition in Utrecht, which is (far from) the malicious rumors being (peddled) by his detractors and critics that he is living a lavish lifestyle." He went on to say that the Dutch government had even frozen Sison's joint bank account with wife Julieta, which contained "only 1,000 euros" (or P55,000).

Thus, the official said, "(the proceeds) will be sent to him for the purpose of helping a patriot who is in need."

Really? Before the many organizations huddled under the NDF umbrella are drenched with requests to start more fund-raising campaigns for other patriots in financial need, Sison's group should rethink its comrade-can-you-spare-a-buck script.

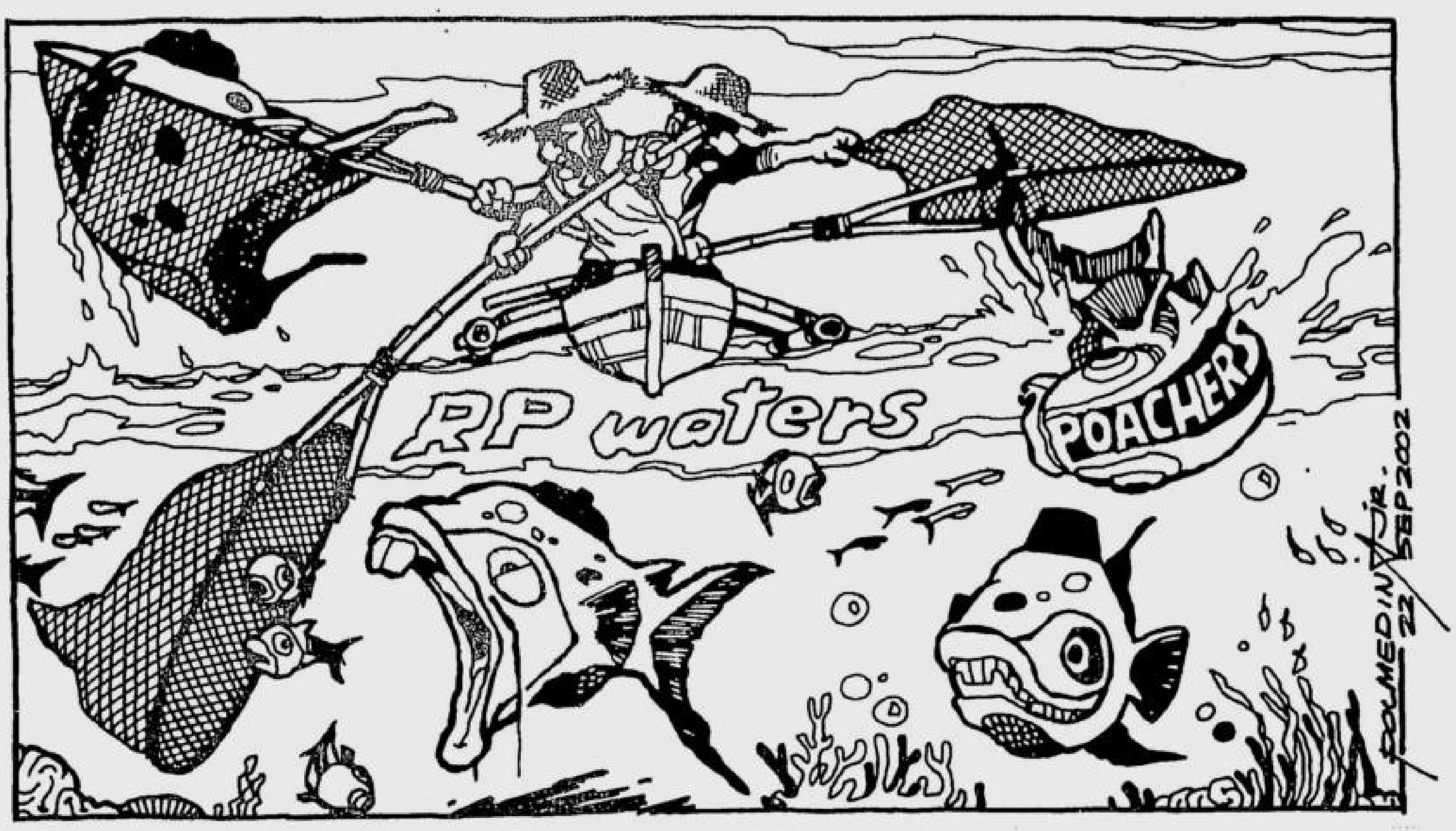
It is hard to believe that Sison is living a life worse than those of his countrymen. Filipinos abroad don't think twice about working a second shift or taking on a second job, just to make ends meet. Filipinos back home scrimp and save just to stretch the household budget. The man the Anakbayan official described as "a good teacher, a true Filipino freedom fighter, a good friend, father and comrade" will set a better example if, instead of receiving well-meaning charity, he got off the welfare rolls and rolled up his sleeves.

The best show

SINCE July, the best show in town, bar none, has been the basketball league of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines. Most of the games, especially in the seniors' division, were close, well-fought and dramatic. Many went to overtime—the clearest proof of the college players' fighting heart and never-say-die spirit. In a country famous for its obsession with the impossible sport of basketball, the games provided riveting, almost melodramatic storylines: A dynasty going for its fifth straight title. An archrival spoiling the defending champion's bid for a historic sweep. A former four-time champion finding the will to scramble back to the semifinals. Former cellar-dwellers fashioning beautiful wins over superior teams. And so on and so forth.

Today, the University of the East and the Ateneo de Manila meet for the second time in a week, to decide who will face powerhouse De La Salle University. If, after all the twists and turns in the first two rounds, UE wins, then the finals will be a classic match between the top two teams in the league. If Ateneo wins, the championship series will be a repeat of last year's memorable match-up: nothing less than a war between two famous rivals.

Regardless of the outcome, the 2002 season will be remembered as one of history's best, illustrating for all time what can happen when people working together give it "the good old college try."



Tiresome ubiquity

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

MANY columnists have already written about this, but I can't help expressing my own annoyance over the way President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has been flaunting herself like a cheap attention-getter. She looks like a pop star courting public adoration and not a Head of State acting decorously in keeping with her exalted position. If she does not know it yet, somebody should inform her of the fast rising number of our citizens who are disgusted over her many tiresome acts of self-levitation.

On the front page of the Star the other Saturday, there was a picture of our President sitting on a makeshift throne as a make-believe queen of a local celebration. She was wearing a crown of what looked like glass diamonds and plastic rubies that might have been borrowed from a carnival sideshow. She was actually participating in the charade when it would have been more becoming and appropriate if she had merely sat among the audience to watch the festivities.

That picture reminded me of the various occasions when she donned tribal costumes and danced with the indigenous people, again forgetting that she was the President of the Philippines and not a native maiden looking for a spouse.

The next day, there she was again, this time on the INQUIRER, and in a more ridiculous picture. She was flanked by four of her Cabinet members, and all five of them were wearing black suits and dark glasses. If they thought they would impress the public, they had better think again because the effect was quite the opposite. The photograph was, in fact, comical because it featured our principal executive officials, including Ms Macapagal herself, and not, as might be expected, a theatrical troupe.

Anyone unfamiliar with our reelectionist President might have thought he was looking at a clip for a movie featuring yet another superstar flexing her extraordinary powers against demonic aliens threatening planet Earth. Only the knowledgeable would have known this was only our show-off leader exploiting yet another photo opportunity to project her intrusive image.

The Cabinet members who posed with her must have felt uncomfortable over the artificiality of the picture, with all of them wearing signature glasses as if they were posing for a Ray-Ban advertisement in Playboy. Secretary Angelo Reyes probably wished he were back in the killing fields of Mindanao instead of indulging in the childish tomfoolery. Every one of them had to defer to the presidential request—or command—including my dear friend Bert Romulo. He is a most humble person who does not need dark glasses to maintain his low profile.

Realizing that the photograph had raised mixed reactions of disdain and mockery, the President's apologists made light of her showy indiscretion. Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the President was simply taking a break from her serious duties, and Secretary Dinky Soliman merely laughed off Sen. Tessie Oreta's suggestion that she and Secretary Gloria Tan-Climaco also pose with their President in a similar picture. Secretary Hernando Perez pretended to be sad over his non-inclusion in the Power Group, although, if I know him, he was secretly happy over his exclusion.

Last Tuesday, La Gloria was again on the front page of the Star, exhibiting the latest group of detainees captured by the military in its recent encounter with suspected kidnappers. The Top Crime Buster was there, as usual, to grace the occasion with her presence that, intentionally or not, destroyed the presumption of innocence in favor of the detainees. This was not the first time she had taken advantage of this yet another photo opportunity to practically pronounce sentence on mere suspects.

There is a bill filed by Rep. Juan Miguel Zubiri, if I remember correctly, prohibiting the military and police authorities from parading their captives as if they were already convicted felons. Their public humiliation alone prematurely adds to their punishment even if they are presumed not guilty by the Constitution itself. The detainees may look guilty, and perhaps they are. But that is not for the law enforcement officers to decide, not even for the President of the Philippines. Only the courts can do this.

La Gloria appears to take pleasure in these exhibitions because she probably believes that every detainee is a feather in her cap as evidence of her immense success in curbing criminality in this country. Her presence alone at these pretentious rituals is a signal to the trial court to convict the accused and give the administration another plus mark. Acquitting the suspects could embarrass the President and frustrate the poor judge's ambition to reach the Court of Appeals.

On Sep. 13, our President was in Antipolo City to preside at the raid of a building suspected of containing smuggled rice. The media were there to record the event, but it was abruptly aborted when the lawmen discovered they had no search warrant. Ms Macapagal made a hasty retreat, saying she was there only to watch the proceedings. The raid was made the next day, this time with the required warrant, and, yes indeed, La Gloria was there again.

Where does she find the time to do other work when she is not catching suspected criminals with the media cameras whirring and clicking? The people may get ghastly tired of her ubiquitous presence by 2004.

All is fair in love. . .

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

ACCORDING to a story I heard, one day a great crowd gathered outside the gates of heaven. There was a great anticipation and restlessness as to what would happen next. St. Peter was seen whispering something to Jesus. After some tense moments, St. Peter came out with an announcement: "Ladies and gentlemen, we have a predicament here. If we go by the record, none of you will qualify for heaven. But, God is good and generous. On behalf of the Blessed Trinity, I hereby declare general amnesty! Open the gates and let the heavenly feast begin!" There was a tremendous applause and rejoicing as the gates of heaven were partly opened. Then St. Peter took the microphone again. Everyone was quiet. "There will be one final test though, but, the general amnesty still stand!" With that, the gates were thrown wide open and everybody started coming in.

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There was a group though that refused to come in. The group's members went to St. Peter with a complaint. "We tried to live better lives than all the rest. We sacrificed much and worked hard on earth. How come we get the same reward as the others who lived dirty and useless lives? That's unfair!", and they refused to enter heaven. In fact they organized a rally and pitched their tents outside the gates in protest. Well, that was the final test. They were forever barred from heaven. Why? Because they were still selfish. They were still thinking of their merits instead of rejoicing in God's generosity. Such will be the case of people who are selfish, envious and self-righteous.

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The Gospel of today (Mt. 20,1-16) speaks of God's generosity, mercy and compassion. It also speaks of man's basic tendency to be envious and to compare himself with others. The "Desiderata" puts it beautifully: "If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or, bitter, for always there will be lesser or greater persons than yourself." Do not fall into the trap of being eaten up by envy and its first cousin, jealousy. It is a messy, sticky, suffocating and no-win pastime that leaves you exhausted, miserable and unhappy. If you have fallen into the trap, ask the Lord, no, beg Him to extricate you from this prison and set you free. You too must set yourself free by focusing not on what you don't have, but on what you already have. Don't go through life focused on the could-have-beens and the should-have-beens. Focus on your gifts, your blessings. If you look hard enough, you will see that there are more reasons to give thanks than to complain.

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Is God just? Where is justice in this world? Why do good people suffer and the bad ones prosper? Why do others have more in life? Why do others have it all easy? Questions. Questions. We will never have the answers, but that does not mean that we should spend our lives searching, grumbling and complaining. We must go on living and thanks-giving, for as the existential philosopher Gabriel Marcel aptly put it: "Life is not a problem to be solved, but a mystery to be lived." Yes, we must focus on what we already and still do have in life. Again, to borrow the last line of the Desiderata: "With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it's still a beautiful world!" So, when will you stop complaining and comparing and start living and giving?

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This week, I witnessed a beautiful story of forgiveness and love. An elderly man of 81 years walked into my office with a sixty-ish woman. What was their story? It was a beautiful love story, a story of enduring and persistent love, a story of reaching out, a story of coming home. The woman was the daughter of the elderly man, an American who came back to the Philippines and saw his daughter for the first time after 57 years! Father and daughter finally met each other through the help of friends, through the Internet and through a lot of prayers. The tearful father came to offer a Mass for the soul of his Filipina wife, and to thank his daughter who never stopped searching for him, and when she found him, forgave him, accepted him and welcomed him home. That morning, as the three of us prayed together, the question of what is just and what is fair was never raised. Yes, in the end, it is all a question of love, forgiveness, mercy and compassion.

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Reflect on this text message: "To belittle is to be little. To blame is to be lame. To be grateful is to be the great." Amen!

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Reminders: Pilgrimage to Naju, Korea is still open (Oct. 13-18) to encounter the visionary Julia Kim; please call 721-7457, 913-8855 or 421-1938. "Walk with God" to Manaoag from Urdaneta, Pangasinan (Oct. 5). Prayer rally at Christ the King Seminary Grotto for Our Lady of Fatima at 3 p.m. (Oct. 12) with a Mass at 6 p.m.

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A MOMENT WITH THE LORD

Lord, beyond what is just and proper, help me to see what is generous and merciful. Amen.

Signs

COMMENTARY

Patrick I. Patino

THE SIGNS are becoming too ominous to ignore.

The replacements made by President Macapagal-Arroyo in key government positions in the last few months have marked her brand of politics until 2004—politics compromised for anything that would bring her votes for the 2004 elections. Even if that means tainting an otherwise independent and supposedly apolitical institution like the Commission on Elections with political color.

Some say it started when she relieved Vice President Teofisto Guingona of his Department of Foreign Affairs post. This was followed by more felled heads a few weeks before the President's State of the Nation's Address. More signs have emerged since: heightened photo-ops, terrorist tagging, the Roco pinpointing among others.

But a flagrant indicator that the President is simply taking another step toward the 2004 elections instead of putting her foot down on genuine reform is her decision to install a seasoned politician in the Comelec. The President eased out a low-key apolitical public official in the person of Alfredo Benipayo to accommodate former Mandaluyong Mayor Benjamin Abalos.

What happened basically is that Benipayo played out his role till it expired. He has done his part. In the midst of highly polarized partisan politics after the ouster of President Estrada, the newly installed Macapagal administration needed an acceptable and apolitical appointee in the Comelec who could steer it credibly in the 2001 local elections.

In the first place, Benipayo's appointment was part of the new Macapagal administration's promise to implement the electoral modernization program. The May 2001 local elections provided legitimacy for the Macapagal administration when the Benipayo-led Comelec—despite its incoherent legal decisions, chaotic election conduct in some areas and brewing internal wrangling among commissioners—showed its independence in running the highly partisan election process. But such impartiality would prove to be his own undoing. His individualism—marked by a lack of "political skills" to mediate internal conflicts and incapacity to implement the principle of collegiality within the body resulted in too much infighting within—specifically with the Estrada-appointed Tancangco-led bloc of commissioners.

The rift between Benipayo and Tancangco has been ongoing for quite some time now—notably when the former shelved the Precinct Mapping Project under the modernization committee headed by the latter. Amid allegations of irregularities, Benipayo enforced his belief that the commission should act according to the mandate of the law with transparency and accountability. For his uncompromising stance, Benipayo got the axe.

Until his removal, Benipayo was bypassed by the Committee on Appointments several times because of the unending conflict among the Comelec commissioners. The apolitical stance of Benipayo served the poll body's independence but contributed to wranglings among commissioners. The entry of Abalos, then, is seen as the political solution to the Comelec's chronic internal problem.

Not surprisingly, Benjamin Abalos' appointment as Comelec chair was widely accepted by legislators of Congress. It was also lauded by media for his credentials as the mayor who transformed the small Mandaluyong town into a booming city. There is high anticipation that Abalos will have an easy time with the mighty congressional Committee on Appointments, which had bypassed Benipayo and two other commissioners seven times.

A few days after Abalos assumed the chairmanship, the self-proclaimed "father of the Comelec" declared that Luzviminda Tancangco "is like a daughter to me." He then surprised the Comelec's more-than-5,000 employees with his generosity, authorizing a performance incentive pay equivalent to one month's salary for all of them.

The commissioners' conduct of meetings has also changed. Under Benipayo, meetings were held inside the Comelec, with mere crackers, or fast-food meals at best. The new chair now calls sessions at flashy restaurants, in the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, and on one occasion at his vacation house in Iloilo.

The father seems to be all-giving to the whims of the daughter. For starters, the chair approved Tancangco's motion to disallow the Comelec's senior management officers to sit in en banc sessions. Apart from being designated anew as head of the modernization committee, she also holds a new position as head of the Absentee Voting Committee.

Amid these changes in the Comelec, political observers worry that Abalos' entry as chair was not only to mend the conflict but is part of a grander scheme for the 2004 elections.

This is the first time in the history of the Comelec that an active political leader is serving as its top official. Although it is widely perceived that, most of the time, presidents appoint to the Comelec people they can depend on, the entry of Abalos as chair has openly politicized the Comelec. As Felipe Miranda of Pulse Asia says of Abalos' chairmanship, "the Comelec has become a post for political lieutenants, not even captains."

Between Abalos and Tancangco, will there be a battle of political wits in carving their own agenda in the Comelec, or will they establish a common bond within their arena to serve a higher purpose in the interest of the 2004 elections?

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Sisterhood

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ABOUT the hardest part of the process of preparing to watch "Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood" was deciding which of my many "sisterhoods" I should watch it with.

There is my biological sisterhood, four sisters and three sisters-in-law, each of us busy with our own families, not to mention living in different time zones, but sharing a lifetime's worth of memories and intimate knowledge of each other's quirks and temperaments. Then there is an actual "Sisterhood," the name by which my barkada in college dubbed ourselves. Bound by a common love for reading, writing and aspirations toward leading "interesting" lives, we all did a stint in the Varsitarian, the student paper of the UST and not only kept in touch through the years, but linked ourselves for life with interlocking ties of godmotherhood and undying curiosity about each other's secrets, making for a bottomless well of *chismis* to draw from.

When finally the movie made its commercial run, I decided I should simply watch it with my sisterhood-in-creation, myself and my daughter Miya, who'd been hooked into watching the movie when I lent her my copy of "Divine Secrets" the book which had been given to me, in turn, by my oldest sister Neneng. But on the night we'd scheduled for movie-watching, we both came home exhausted and hankering more for chilling before the TV set than dressing up to go to the mall.

Finally, I did get to see the movie with another sisterhood, my good friends Peachy and Sandra, the three of us, with another friend Jess who was in Cebu that night, the remnants—after Emma and Maloy left for the United States—of our girl-group of officemates bonding through our initial foray into the working world. And we caught the movie just in time. Only one movie house in Metro Manila was still screening "Divine Secrets," and our schedules only allowed us to catch the final screening.

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SOMEHOW, it didn't seem right that I should watch the movie by myself (I never do) or with people other than my many "sisters," such as with the hubby who blanched at the very thought of sitting through a "chick flick," choosing to watch with our son on our movie-watching night an absurd "sci-fi flick" about dragons surviving a nuclear winter.

"Sisterhood," after all, is what "Divine Secrets" and the book on which it is based are all about. The "sisterhood" of the story is a group of friends—Vivi, Caro, Necie and Teensy—and their friendship that spans 50 years of adventures, heartache, betrayal, secrets kept and secrets revealed, loyalty and love. But it is also about sisterhood down the generations, specifically between mother-and-daughter Vivi and Siddalee, who must work out between them the tangled skeins of pain and loss, rejection and misunderstanding before these enmesh as well the next generations of complicated women in their family.

Written by Rebecca Wells, a stage actor and playwright before she decided to turn her hand to novels, "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" astonished the publishing world when it became the print equivalent of the "sleeper hit." This is a book that's expected to sell only modestly then turns around and astonishes its creators by turning into a bestseller.

Apparently, its original publishers had expected "Divine Secrets" to appeal to a limited readership, perhaps the small demographic of the women characters—women natives of the American South on the older side of 50. But they didn't reckon with the universality of women's friendship and sisterhood, or of the common legacy of resentment, hero-worship and rejection that hound mothers and daughters everywhere. It was word-of-mouth among women across the United States and elsewhere that propelled "Divine Secrets'" climb up the bestseller charts. Women, it's said, would meet in reading clubs or discussion groups to read the book, analyze the characters, and ultimately, open their own lives for scrutiny. Just as a movie becomes a hit because of multiple viewings, so did "Divine Secrets" become a bestseller because women were buying copies not just for themselves but for their friends and sisters as well.

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JUDGING from its performance in Manila theaters and the lack of industry buzz, the movie version doesn't seem to have duplicated the book's market performance.

One reason could be that the movie chooses to focus narrowly on the relationship between Vivi and Siddalee, with the other "Ya-Yas" limited to supporting roles. In the novel, Caro, Necie and Teensy are better fleshed out, their life stories providing texture, contrast and flavor to the saga of the battling Walker women.

But that's always been the drawback of movies based on novels, sacrificing texture and characterization for focus and commercial appeal. I was already a certified "Ya-Ya" fan, but the movie strangely failed to move me. Perhaps because I felt the scriptwriter was playing it more for laughs than for feeling, skimming over crucial parts of Vivi's biography (such as her relationship with her husband), and paying too much attention to Siddalee's inarticulate angst (perhaps with good reason, for Siddalee is played by the lead star, Sandra Bullock).

Still, it was touching to see female bonding portrayed so sympathetically and realistically on-screen. Women friends are too often depicted as either sickly sweet toward each other or forever yowling and growling like cats in heat. How nice to finally see grown women trading barbed asides and fond reminiscences, neither cattiness nor sentimentality coloring their loyalty to each other.

Martial law and the middle classes

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IT has been 30 years since Ferdinand Marcos broke the traditional cycle of elite rule by seizing upon the martial law provisions of the 1935 Constitution to install himself dictator. However, a full assessment of the significance of that episode to our political life has still to be written. The Marcos years will continue to be revisited and their meaning debated for a long time.

By refusing to bury him among the nation's heroes, Filipinos have, for the moment, officially decided to remember Marcos as the diabolical politician who destroyed Philippine democracy by his insatiable thirst for power and money. The actual picture is surely more complex than that.

What is clear is that Marcos' control of the military alone does not suffice to explain the ease with which he was able to impose and maintain martial law. We can only suppose that there was public acquiescence in, if not active support for, a government that promised to impose national discipline, unify the nation, get rid of squabbling politicians and parasitic oligarchs, and bring the country to the door of development. Some of the country's brilliant minds were recruited into this venture. One cannot say they were all naïve, or lacked patriotism, virtue and foresight.

To understand martial law, we must go beyond the simplistic theory that this was just one egomaniac's project to perpetuate himself in power. Certainly he was not the first President to be so motivated, nor will he be the last. What clearly made Marcos different is that he saw the opportunity, directed an unfolding situation, and, with his advisers and close allies, wove a project that made sense to ordinary people. Had he succeeded, he would not be the heel we despise today, but a great visionary who saved the Filipino nation from the dysfunctions of borrowed institutions.

I distinctly remember how the ideologues of the regime defended the New Society before university audiences who were critical of its human rights abuses. They stressed the need to rebuild the national community by giving first priority to the basic needs of those excluded from national life by their extreme poverty. Civil rights meant nothing to them because of their economic insecurity.

They were essentially right. The Westernization that kept the upper and middle classes alienated from the vast masses was undeniable. Marcos tapped into a powerful current of Filipinism not only to defend his regime from the charge that it was a lackey of foreign powers, but also to unify a culturally and economically divided nation under a single vision. That vision was spelled out in a document called "The Filipino Ideology."

Under martial law, Marcos moved the Philippines closer to the model of political authority that had become the norm not only in Asia but everywhere else in the developing world. That model emphasized the primacy of economic growth and nation-building over democracy. It assigned to the state an economic role that could not be effectively exercised by a weak domestic capitalist class. It kept the masses quiescent by a combination of distributive programs and coercive measures. In a society that was deemed not ready for it, democracy was seen as an invitation to anarchy.

There is a great debate on whether an authoritarian phase like this is a necessary stage in the transition to modern nationhood for late-developing countries like ours. Countries like South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia seem to attest to the long-term advantages of authoritarianism not only in solving chronic poverty but also in cultivating national discipline. But examples of failed authoritarian experiments are even more numerous. Beyond exacerbating poverty in most instances, they have also destroyed the fabric of civil society. One obviously cannot generalize. A country becomes a particular type of society because of its own unique history.

In attempting to explain the failure of dictatorship in the Philippines, for instance, one cannot discount the role played by a growing educated middle class. This segment of our society is sandwiched between a backward-looking traditional elite that is fast losing its economic and political base, and a vast majority of impoverished Filipinos whose desperate situation makes them easy prey to populist rhetoric and political shortcuts. The middle classes are concerned above all with governance issues—rule of law, honest government and competent leadership. In the past, their impatience over these issues drew them toward authoritarianism.

Today, only the naïve among them would entrust the country's future again to an autocrat, no matter how impeccable his or her moral credentials. But this does not mean we have seen the last of the authoritarian adventurers. As long as more than half of our people are forced to accept a future without hope, there will always be a constituency for political extremism. No constitution can stop a power grab. But a new political practice can make it needless.

The quest for a democratic and prosperous society that can offer hope to the marginalized will not be realized without the more fortunate educated class taking an active role in reconfiguring the nation's political life. This cannot take the form exclusively of intermittent bursts of people power at crucial moments. Its intervention has to be varied, inventive and enduring. It must embody a new sensibility. It must not sneer at politics. It must take it seriously.

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Lost opportunities in martial law years

COMMENTARY

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THIRTY years ago yesterday, Ferdinand Marcos had an opportunity no other Filipino was given, or perhaps will ever again be given. He became the country's absolute leader.

Invoking the untested martial law provision of the 1935 Constitution, he dissolved the legislature, arrested his political enemies, closed down the media and arrogated to himself the executive and legislative powers of government.

Although in public he proclaimed the independence of the judiciary, he made sure, through intimidation, that the men and women who were supposed to render impartial justice would follow his dictates. The Supreme Court was only too willing to oblige.

Drawing inspiration from the tribunal's decisions, Marcos proclaimed his rule as "constitutional authoritarianism," not the dictatorship it truly was. He was the country's El Caudillo and Il Duce rolled into one with the self-proclaimed mission of "saving the country and reforming our society." With the awesome powers he held, that objective was not empty rhetoric.

With no politicians to play ball with to ensure his continued stay in power, Marcos could have cleansed the bureaucracy and made it responsive to the needs of the people in the same way Singaporean strong man Lee Kuan Yew made the Singapore civil service a model of efficiency and integrity.

Lee used his emergency powers to remove the scalawags in government and replaced them with honest and competent employees. With the right compensation package, these bureaucrats are responsible for Singapore's distinction as the best country in this part of the world to do business with.

At the beginning of martial rule, Marcos promised a similar action. He even published the names of the so-called undesirable government officials. But, in typical *ningas cogon* attitude, that drive lost steam when the politicians lobbied for the retention of their protégés in the government payroll.

Gov't programs

With no landlords to contend with who might use their political influence against him, Marcos could have implemented a genuine and comprehensive land reform program like what Taiwanese strongman Ching Chung Koo did in his island-nation.

Bucking opposition from wealthy landowners, Koo broke up huge agricultural estates, distributed them to deserving farmers and provided them with the facilities to ensure Taiwan's self-sufficiency in food. That productivity continues to be enjoyed by Taiwan up to the present.

The land reform program that Marcos boasted as the cornerstone of his administration was all form, no substance. Its implementation was postponed, emasculated or ignored depending on the wishes of his landlord-cronies or political allies. So every year we import rice and other commodities to meet our food requirements.

With no congressmen and senators to engage in lengthy debates about economic strategy, Marcos could have started the industrialization of the Philippines along the lines of the program initiated by South Korean coup leader and later President Park Chung Hee in his country.

Under threat of severe sanctions, Park whipped the feuding top South Korean businessmen into agreeing to pool their resources together to build the factories and mills that would meet the country's internal requirements and, at the same time, compete in the international export market. Samsung, Daewoo and other Korean chaebols' products are now household names all over the world.

Except for the graft-ridden Bataan Nuclear Power Plant, there is little that 14 years of martial rule can show in terms of laying the foundation for the industrial development of the Philippines.

Expectations

Unencumbered by the inherent inefficiencies of a democracy, Marcos was in the best position to institute meaningful changes in the country's social, economic and political structures at the shortest time possible and with the least cost.

He could have been the embodiment of what a noted political scientist considers the best form of government—a dictatorship with an angel on the throne.

While Marcos may have deliberately created the conditions he cited to justify the imposition of martial law, it cannot be denied that the public then was generally amenable to the idea of giving authoritarian rule a chance to prove its worth as an instrument for national growth and development.

The mass protests that the displaced politicians and financial barons were expecting from the people did not materialize. The inaction may be due either to a desire to find out if martial law is the solution to the country's problems or the suddenness of Marcos' moves cowed the people to submission.

There is no question the methods used by the erstwhile strongmen of Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea in running their countries do not meet the human rights standards of the western world. Mass arrests, forced evacuations and curtailment of press and speech freedoms violate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

But it cannot be denied that authoritarian rule in those countries resulted in economic progress, the fruits of which are now being enjoyed by their citizens, give or take a few aberrations. The freedoms they sacrificed during the years of iron rule were compensated with improvements in their economic and social standing.

The libertarians in our midst may disagree, but the ordinary Filipino would not object to giving up their rights in exchange for three square meals a day, decent wages and peace and order.

Unfortunately, Marcos was not made of the same stuff as the dictators who once held power in the formerly impoverished but now progressive neighboring countries. The authoritarian powers that could have made this nation great again were instead used to benefit himself, his family and cronies.

If only Marcos used the martial law years the way his counterpart in Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea did, the people would have probably forgiven the excesses committed against them by the martial law administrators. They might even have thanked him for the power grab because of the economic benefits it brought about.

But that's all water under the bridge now. Martial law has worsened, rather than improved, the country's social, political and economic conditions.

Marcos had a once-in-a-nation's history chance of making a big difference in our country. But he blew it. He deserves his abominable place in our history books.

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TALK of the TOWN

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Is the US a threat to world peace?

US PRESIDENT George W. Bush appears to be bent on launching a military campaign against Iraq to destroy its capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction like biological, chemical and nuclear arms, and to topple the regime of Saddam Hussein.

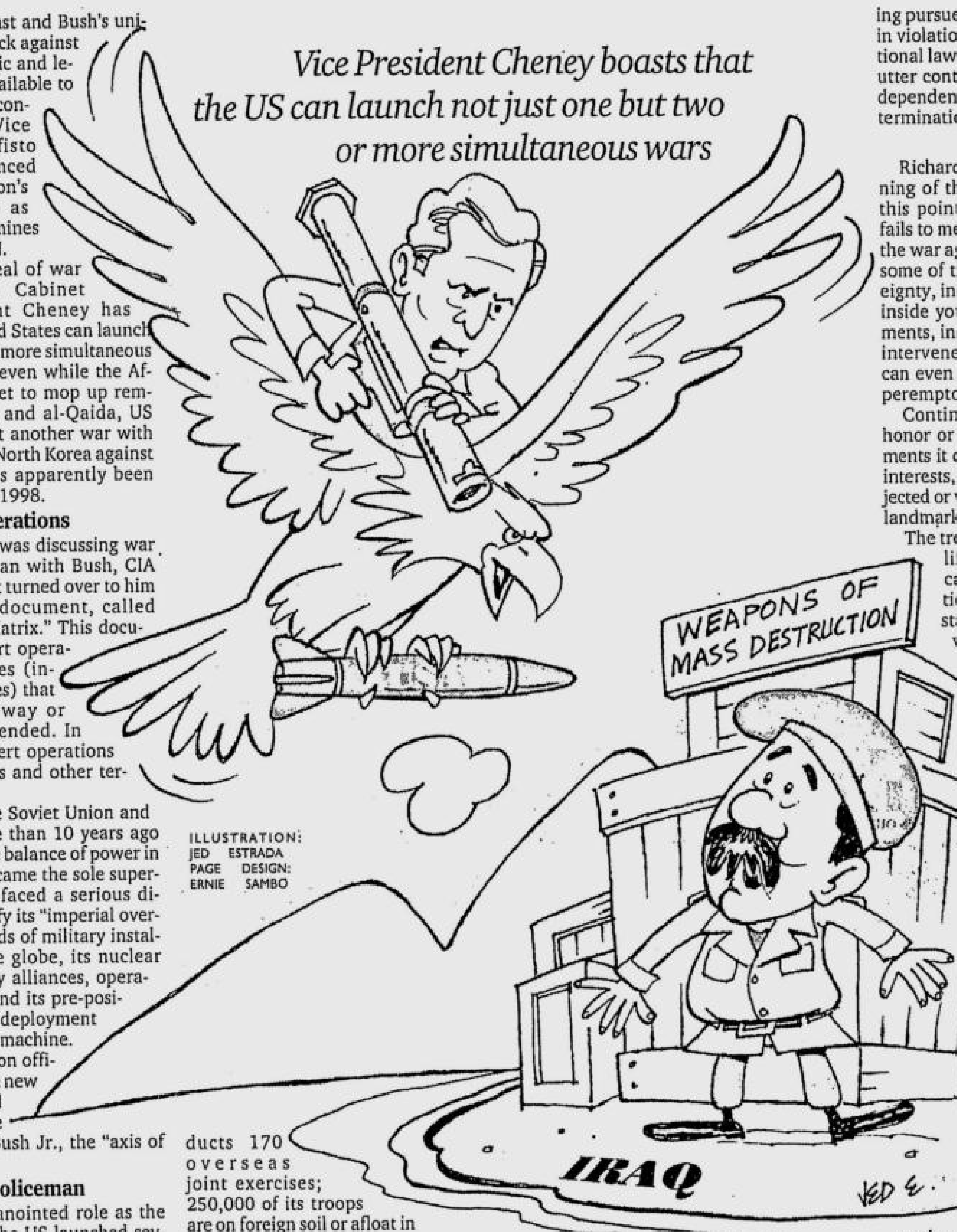
If Saddam does not comply soon with the UN mandate to forfeit his weapons of mass destruction, Bush wants the US Congress to grant him the authority to strike unilaterally.

Bush's stance on Iraq is consistent with "The National Security Strategy of the United States," the first comprehensive explanation of the administration's foreign policy.

The document says the US will not hesitate to act alone, if necessary, to exercise its right to self-defense by acting preemptively. The document also says that the US will not allow its military supremacy to be challenged the way it was during the Cold war.

The Bush administration's position on Iraq has prompted South African statesman Nelson Mandela to call the US "a threat to world peace." Mandela says any US attack on Iraq will undermine world peace.

This view is shared by peace advocates in the country who claim that the US has refused to honor international agreements it considers inimical to its interests as a superpower.



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Vice President Cheney boasts that the US can launch not just one but two or more simultaneous wars

'The US has a record of flouting international agreements'

By Fr. Allan Jose Arcebuche, OFM
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US PRESIDENT George W. Bush is beating the war drums in defiance of world opinion and of the stand of many United Nations member-countries.

Determining whether Iraq possesses weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and what to do about them rightly belong to the world body. If, acting on its own and in contravention of the UN Charter, the US attacks Baghdad under a self-serving "first-strike" or "pre-emptive" policy, other states such as Pakistan or India may well be encouraged to do the same in order to resolve their armed disputes.

Indeed, the United States has a bad track record of flouting international agreements, bypassing the UN and acting unilaterally when it cannot get its way—thus setting the stage for the reign of a single superpower amid international anarchy.

No proof

Most Middle Eastern countries, including US key allies Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, oppose a war of aggression against Iraq. Many US officials, according to the US-based Foreign Policy in Focus, have admitted that there is no proof that Iraq has resumed its nuclear, chemical or biological weapons programs. UN inspectors, including American Scott Ritter, say that after the 1991 Gulf War, all of Iraq's WMDs and delivery systems were destroyed.

"In its most recent report," writes Foreign Policy in Focus, "the International Atomic Energy Agency categorically declared that Iraq no longer has a nuclear program." When it resumes massive air strikes on Iraq and deploys 250,000 ground troops, the US will be facing an enemy that is barely one-third of its pre-1990s war strength with an insignificant air force and no navy.

With no compelling evidence to back its case and few allies, apart from Great Britain and the Philippines, supporting the new US military adventure, why is Washington hell-bent on pursuing war against Iraq?

The answer lies in the fact that the war whose main objective is "regime removal" is merely Step One in a new Middle Eastern strategy by hawkish Bush officials and their think tanks. Bush hard-liners believe that with Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein out of the way, the US will have more leverage to act against Syria and Iran. It will also become less dependent on Saudi oil.

Iraq's oil

A friendly Iraq, home to the world's second largest oil reserve, will complement if not replace Saudi Arabia, not only as a major source of the black gold, but also as a base for US troops. A regime change in Baghdad is expected to soften the ground for takeover by US-friendly governments in Iran and Syria. The Boston Globe, in its Sept. 10 issue, quoted Raad Alkadiri, an Iraq analyst with PFC, a Washington-based energy-consulting firm, as saying "The goal is not just a new regime in Iraq. The goal is a new Middle East."

It is clear, therefore, that US policy on Iraq and the Middle East and Bush's unilateral actions run smack against the peaceful, diplomatic and legal options that are available to countries in resolving conflicts. Philippine Vice President Teofisto Guingona has denounced the Bush administration's "first-strike" policy as something that undermines the integrity of the UN.

There is a great deal of war talk in the Bush Cabinet today. Vice President Cheney has boasted that the United States can launch not just one but two or more simultaneous wars. He means that even while the Afghan campaign has yet to mop up remnants of the Taliban and al-Qaida, US armed forces can start another war with Iraq—and likely with North Korea against which a war plan has apparently been drawn up as early as 1998.

Covert operations

On Sept. 15, as he was discussing war options on Afghanistan with Bush, CIA Director George Tenet turned over to him another top secret document, called "Worldwide Attack Matrix." This document described covert operations in 80 countries (including the Philippines) that were either under way or were being recommended. In the CIA manual, covert operations include assassinations and other terror operations.

The collapse of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe more than 10 years ago drastically altered the balance of power in the world: the US became the sole superpower. However, it faced a serious dilemma—how to justify its "imperial overstretch:" the hundreds of military installations spanning the globe, its nuclear stockpile, its military alliances, operations and exercises and its pre-positioning and forward deployment of the mighty US war machine.

Bush Sr. and Clinton officials began to conjure new menaces to world peace such as "rogue states" and, under Bush Jr., the "axis of evil."

World's policeman

Invoking its self-anointed role as the world's policeman, the US launched several wars since the 1990s starting with the Gulf War against Iraq, followed by military adventures in the Balkans, Africa and Latin America, and most recently, the high-tech bombardment of Afghanistan.

These wars and their aftermath have exacted a heavy toll on civilian populations. For example, some 1.5 million Iraqi civilians, many of them children, have died as a result of economic sanctions imposed on Iraq.

Hundreds of thousands of Afghans were displaced, killed or were seriously injured as a consequence of the US retaliatory war against Afghanistan. Afghans continue to suffer miserably up to the present.

America's recent military activities have expanded its global reach significantly. It maintains some 800 military installations, including 60 major ones on foreign soil. US armed forces are found in 140 countries including sizeable deployments in 25 of these. At any time, it conducts 170 overseas joint exercises; 250,000 of its troops are on foreign soil or afloat in foreign waters.

The world is again on the brink of a nuclear holocaust precisely because of the renewed belligerency of the US. A top-secret plan, (Nuclear Posture Review) leaked to members of the US Congress in January, revealed that Bush had authorized the use of nuclear missiles against the so-called "axis of evil," Iraq in particular—in case these states are able to withstand conventional military assaults.

Pentagon planners are pushing for the development of new military technology and unconventional warfare to ensure "low casualty rates" for American military personnel to prevent anti-war sentiments from developing among the American people as it did during the Vietnam War.

Yet, to support its war efforts, the US government imposes a heavy burden on its taxpayers. Its defense budget is equivalent to nearly 50 percent of the world's military expenditures. America's huge defense spending, export of arms and other war materiel, global military presence and training and supply of armies and police forces of client states continue to create a climate of war and militarism. In developing countries such as the Philippines meager resources are diverted toward militarist solutions in dealing with deep-rooted problems of poverty and social injustice, often with US encouragement and support.

The Philippines is one country where a succession of governments, including the present, has backed America's wars of aggression and intervention. In the process, national sovereignty has been sacrificed and the Filipino people have had to bear with unparalleled death and destruction wrought by war and its aftermath.

The threats to world peace by the US aggressive drive for hegemony are fast becoming clear. Bush Jr.'s so-called "borderless" war against terrorism is being pursued in blatant disregard and even in violation of UN covenants and international law. The war is also being waged in utter contempt for the sovereignty of independent states and the right to self-determination of peoples.

Right to intervene

Richard Haass, director for policy planning of the US State Department, made this point arrogantly: "If a government fails to meet its obligations (in supporting the war against terrorism), then it forfeits some of the normal advantages of sovereignty, including the right to be left alone inside your own territory. Other governments, including the US, gain the right to intervene. In the case of terrorism, this can even lead to a right of preventive, or peremptory, self-defense."

Continuing its proclivity to refuse to honor or implement international agreements it deems inimical to its superpower interests, the US over the years either rejected or withdrew its signature from many landmark international treaties.

The treaties deal with nuclear non-proliferation, land mines, bio-chemical weapons, racism, discrimination and global warming. The US stands accused of being a long-time violator of the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and Optional Protocols, by its practice of detaining individuals and holding them in custody without charges, and by failing to notify foreign governments when their nationals are involved.

Most recently, the Bush administration refused to sign the International Criminal Court (ICC) Treaty. The 1998 Rome Treaty provides for an international tribunal to be set up in The Hague that will try political leaders and military personnel charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The US insists on immunity for its armed forces wherever they are deployed. Such display of arrogance belies the US government's avowed commitment to peace, humanitarianism and the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, among others.

It is difficult not to conclude that, indeed, the United States stands today as the single biggest threat to world peace.

'America wants to launch a preemptive strike to maintain peace'

By Sultan Elly Pamatong
Head, Discovery Crusade of the Philippines

NELSON Mandela's statement is a reckless indictment of the United States of America because I am sure the US has considered all possible repercussions of its plan to stop Iraq from developing weapons of mass destruction.

More than that, the US would like to launch a preemptive strike to maintain peace and order on the planet.

And besides, the US is seeking the guidance of the United Nations, particularly the Security Council, and the members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Therefore, if the US eventually launches attacks against Iraq, it has presumably obtained favorable responses from most, if not all, of the respected leaders of the world community.

Requiring the US to first present evidence of Iraq's wrongdoing would be like telegraphing its punches to Saddam Hussein.

By the time inspectors go to Iraq, the evidence on the ground would already be gone. But at this time, the Philippines should, at a confidential level, discourage the US from bombing Iraq while promising that we would support the US publicly if it pushes through with its plans.

Bombings would only lead to deaths of innocent civilians particularly children.

What is needed is a surgical strike against Saddam. A special action team should be sent to Baghdad to take care of him. But once the US military campaign begins, we should express our support.

(Interview by Philip C. Tubeza)

'A united response to a common challenge'

By Karen Kelley
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ON Sept. 12, the United Nations heard the call to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Saddam Hussein's outlaw regime. President Bush outlined before that august body his "grave concerns" over the repeated refusal of the Iraqi regime to comply with 16 UN Security Council resolutions.

He pointed to the Iraqi regime's track record to date: the brutal treatment of its citizens, its contempt for its obligations relating to the return of Kuwaiti property and archives, and its neglect of the accounting and return of POWs and MIAs. It is a record of the stockpiling and the development of weapons of mass destruction—including biological, chemical, nuclear and long-range missiles, the violation of economic sanctions, and the flagrant evasion of UN weapons inspection requirements.

The facts are clear: Twelve years ago, the Iraqi dictator invaded Kuwait and was poised to move on from there. Had he been appeased, he would have endangered the peace and stability of the world. An international coalition defeated his forces in battle. To suspend hostilities and to spare himself, he accepted a series of commitments.

In the intervening years, however, he has shown only contempt for the international community and for UN resolutions. The regime in Iraq has built the case against itself, with its continued failure to meet the demands of the UN. Untroubled by UN inspections, the Iraqi dictator has been able to pursue weapons of mass destruction for the past four years.

Broken commitments

That the Iraqi regime now offers "unconditional" inspections should come as no surprise. It is a tactic that bought the regime time. Eleven years of broken commitments, to be precise. This is a record that speaks volumes of the regime's true intent. Confronted with Iraq's decade of defiance and deceit, the world community has been more than patient.

The "Oil for Food" program, one of UN resolutions designed to alleviate the suffering of the Iraqi people, was subverted by the regime in Baghdad. Instead of feeding the Iraqi people, it diverted the revenues to construct palaces for Iraqi leaders and to build weapons of mass destruction. While the Iraqi leadership indulges in finger pointing and name-calling, it is finding terrorists and oppressors everywhere except within its own borders.

These concerns are not the post-Sept. 11 fixations of an unnerved America, as detractors have tried to argue. These concerns are real. As a world community, these issues directly affect our present safety and our future security. They represent a common challenge, and before this challenge, we must offer a united response. The anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks reminds us of the tragic human toll that terrorism can wreck on any society, anywhere. As President Bush stated, "We owe it to all our citizens to do everything in our power to prevent that day from coming."

We face, then, two alternatives. Without action, the people of Iraq will continue to be the hapless victims of a regime that refuses to honor its commitments. The regime will have new power to bully, dominate, and conquer its neighbors, condemning the Middle East to more years of bloodshed and fear. With action, the future can be very different. There can be democracy for the Iraqi people, and reform throughout the Muslim world.

Inaction is not an option, and it is not a response befitting the authority of the United Nations. On Iraq, the UN has made its will known through 16 resolutions. It is now time, once again, for that body to express its will in a strong resolution that will require Iraq to live up to its international obligations, and to eliminate the threat that it poses to regional and world security. For the world to do otherwise is, indeed, to "hope against the evidence."

The WORLD

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Bush asks Russia: Be tougher on Iraq

WASHINGTON/MOSCOW—US President George W. Bush sought on Friday to persuade Russia to take a tougher stance toward Iraq, but Russian President Vladimir Putin indicated that speedy deployment of UN weapons inspectors was his goal.

Bush telephoned Putin, who was on a working vacation at a Black Sea resort, and later met in the White House Oval Office with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov and Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov.

But Putin and his two ministers gave no sign of buckling to US pressure on the need for a new UN Security Council resolution requiring Iraq to disarm or face the prospect of war. Putin told Bush that getting a UN inspection team back into Iraq to look for nuclear, biological and chemical weapons remained the priority, the Kremlin said in a statement.

"Putin stressed that in the current situation it was vital to concentrate on the fastest possible deployment of UN

inspection and monitoring missions," the Kremlin said.

The Kremlin statement added that Bush and Putin had agreed to work together on resolving the Iraq issue and to meet next month at a summit of Asian states in Mexico. Russia maintains close economic ties with Iraq in the oil sector.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush gave Putin and the two Russian ministers "straight, direct, from-the-heart talk about the risks that Russia faces and the rest of the world faces" from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's "relentless quest for weapons of mass destruction."

Iraq's offer this week under international pressure to readmit UN arms inspectors for the first time since 1998 divided the Security Council and slowed Bush's drive for a new mandate for inspections without restrictions and backed by force. Bush has said if the United Nations fails to act, the United States will do so, with help from key allies.

Foreign Minister Ivanov said Russia and the United States both want Iraq to comply fully with existing UN resolutions.

"Now international inspectors can start their important work and give us (an) objective and comprehensive answer to the question that is of concern to everyone: Are there weapons of mass destruction in Iraq or programs to create weapons of mass destruction in Iraq or not?" Ivanov said during an hour-long Washington news conference following the Bush meeting.

"It is in the interests of Russia, the United States and the entire international community to ensure that international inspectors return to Iraq as soon as possible and resume their work," the foreign minister added.

Ivanov said the Security Council must see to it that Iraq presents no "impediments" to the work of the inspectors. *Reuters*

Bush asserts post-Sept. 11 US doctrine

WASHINGTON—The United States should strive for lasting military superiority and defeat terrorism by "destroying the threat before it reaches our borders," the Bush administration said on Friday in a new strategy document.

The report summarized a security doctrine that has evolved since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States and lies behind US President George W. Bush's campaign to oust Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The doctrine places fighting terrorism at the center of US security policy and moves away from Cold War policies of deterrence and containment. It seeks to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction and calls for pre emptive strikes when necessary.

Pre emption

"The gravest danger our nation faces lies at the crossroads of radicalism and technology," the report said. "As a matter of common sense and self-defense, America will act against such emerging threats before they are fully formed."

It vowed to defeat terrorists "by identifying and destroying the threat before it reaches our borders." The report was Bush's first under a 1986 law requiring presidents to report to Congress each year on their security strategy.

The United States will work with allies to smash terrorist networks and punish states that harbor them, but will act alone "when our interests and unique responsibilities require," it said.

US officials denied the strategy asserted US unilateralism, saying Washington sought unity among nations with shared values.

Bush said on Thursday the United States will act on its own against Iraq if he fails to get United Nations backing.

The report cast the United States as caught up in a battle within the Muslim world. The United States has blamed the Sept. 11 attacks on the al-Qaida network of Islamic militant Osama bin Laden, and has said extremists have "hijacked" Islam.

"The war on terrorism is not a clash of civilizations. It does, however, reveal the clash inside a civilization, a battle for the future of the Muslim world. This is a struggle of ideas and this is an area where America must excel," it said.

Military dominance

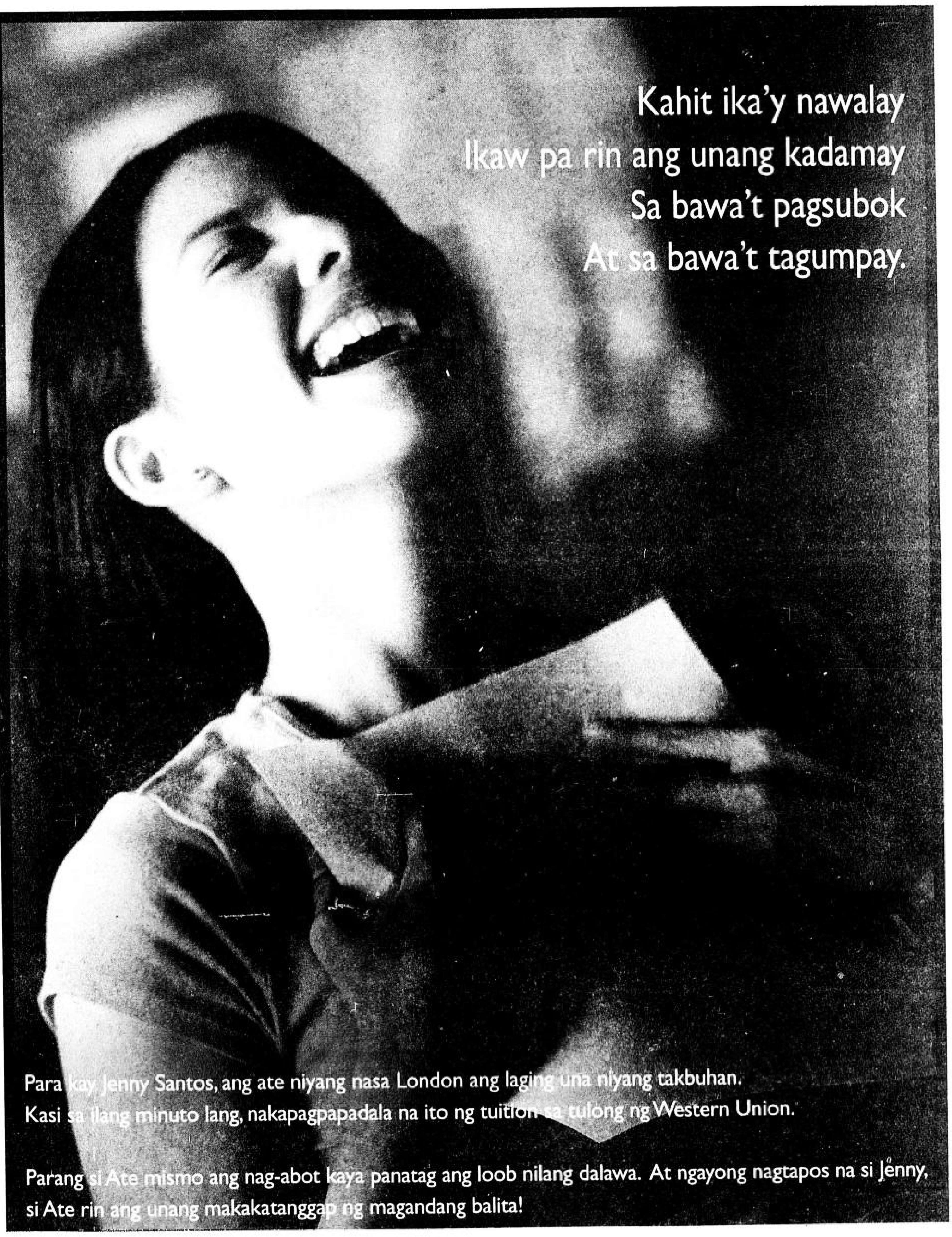
The United States will maintain the military dominance it has held since the end of the Cold War, the report said. "Our forces will be strong enough to dissuade potential adversaries from pursuing a military buildup in hopes of surpassing, or equaling, the power of the United States," it said.

In particular, it cautions China against a military expansion. "In pursuing advanced military capabilities that can threaten its neighbors in the Asia-Pacific region, China is following an outdated path that, in the end, will hamper its own pursuit of national greatness," it said.

Nevertheless, the report portrays Washington's Cold War adversaries Russia and China as diminished threats, and a senior US official said there was now the potential for an era of great-power cooperation rather than rivalry.

The policies of deterrence and containment that marked the Cold War have less significance in the battle against terrorism, the report said, making action necessary.

"Traditional concepts of deterrence will not work against a terrorist enemy whose avowed tactics are wanton destruction and targeting of innocents," the report said. "The overlap between states that sponsor terror and those that pursue WMD (weapons of mass destruction) compel us to action." US officials said the case against Iraq was unique and there were only a "narrow band" of problems where the doctrine of pre emption would apply. *Reuters*



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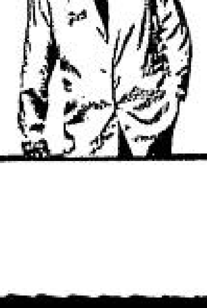

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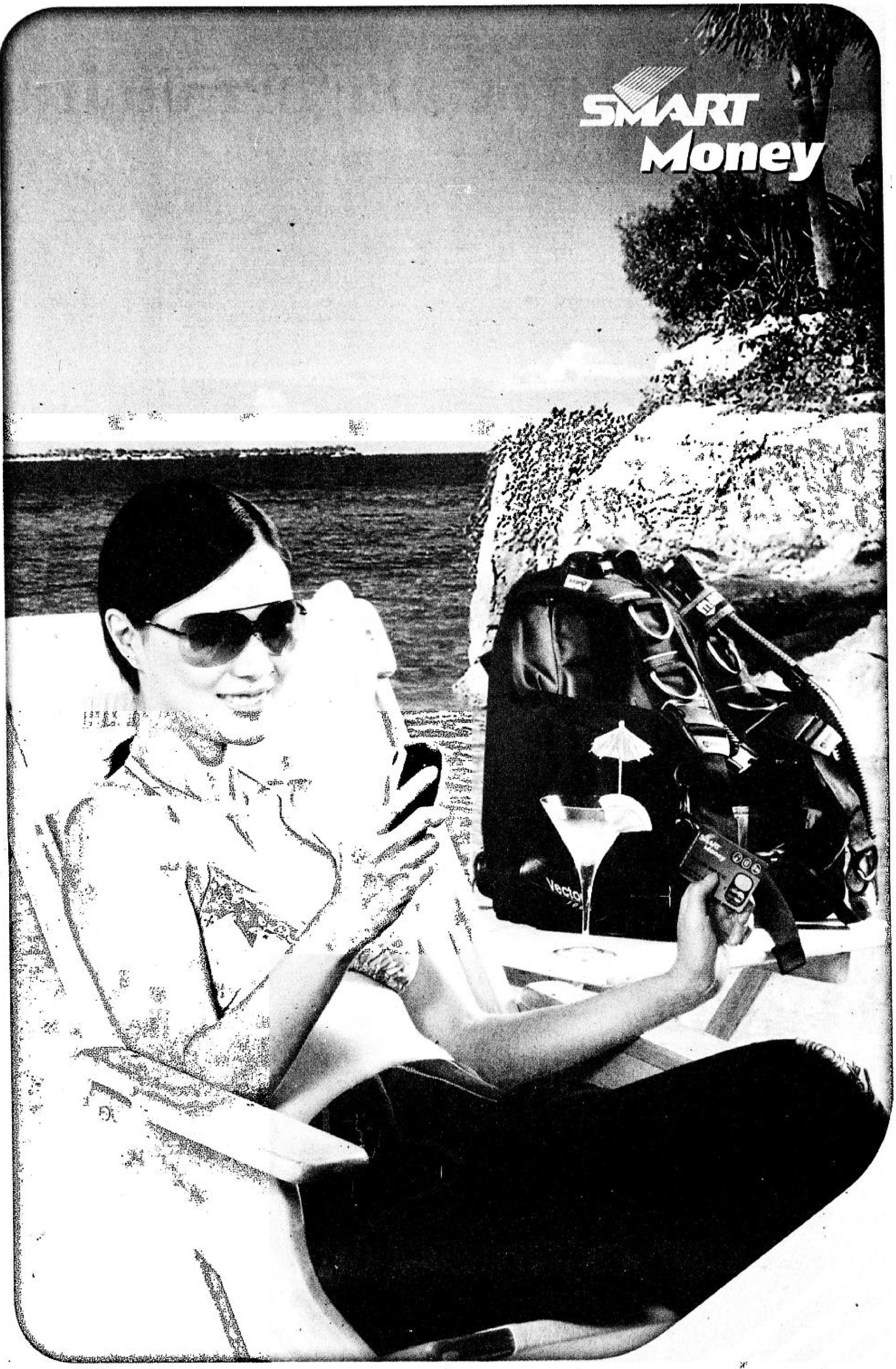

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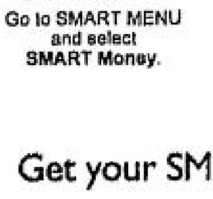

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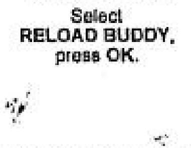

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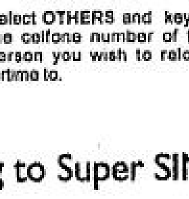

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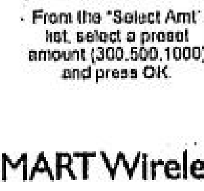

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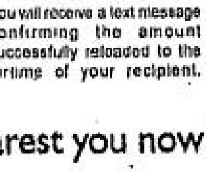

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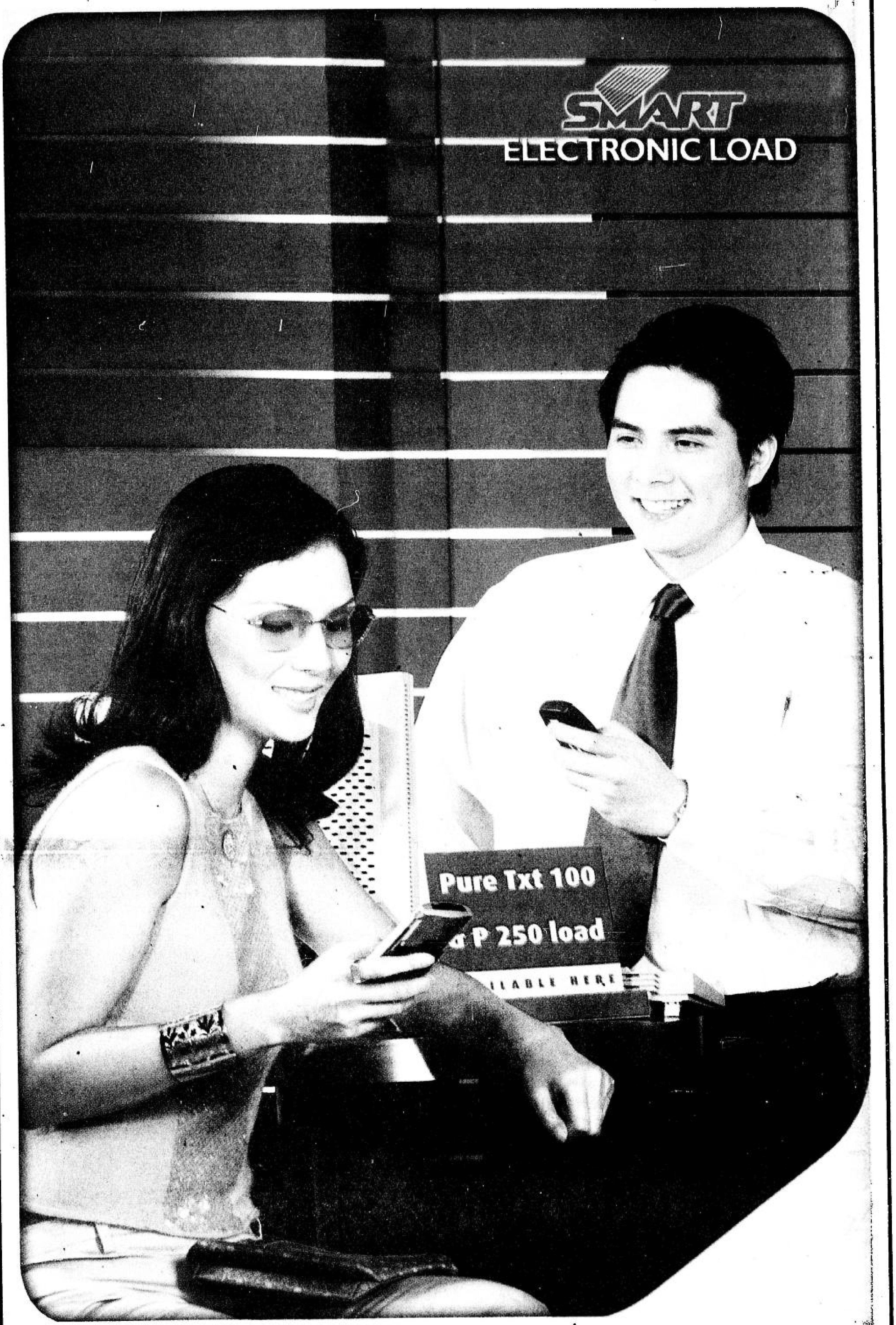

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Fears grow for the life of besieged Arafat

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Five loud blasts shook Yasser Arafat's besieged compound early Saturday, as troops flattened buildings around him with explosives, tanks and bulldozers.

Arafat, a few aides and about 20 men wanted by Israel were pinned to a few rooms in a wing of the main office building—the only structure left standing in the once sprawling complex.

The White House and the European Union on Friday urged Israel not to go too far in its reprisal for a Tel Aviv bus bombing that killed six people.

Israel's defense minister said he wanted to isolate Arafat, but not harm or expel him. He said troops would stay until the surrender of the wanted men, including the West Bank intelligence chief.

However, Israel TV's Channel Two, citing defense officials, said the ultimate objective of the assault was to confine Arafat to a tiny area in difficult conditions and prompt him to seek exile. Arafat has said he would never again leave the Palestinian lands.

Arafat's advisers said they feared the office building might collapse and that he was in the line of fire of snipers. "President Arafat and those with him are in danger," a key aid, Nabil Abu Rdeneh, said early Saturday, appealing for immediate international intervention.

The raid—the third on the compound since March—was launched late Thursday in retaliation for a suicide bombing on a Tel Aviv bus that killed five Israelis and a 19-year-old Jewish seminary student from Scotland.

By early Saturday, Arafat found himself caught in the tightest Israeli chokehold yet. An Arafat aid said all the buildings in his headquarters—except for a wing of his office building—had been demolished. The military said troops razed 10 buildings and mobile homes.

Bulldozers were digging a deep trench and troops ran coils of barbed wire around the main building. Arafat was confined to his quarters on the second floor, after troops destroyed the stairway to the ground floor with a tank shell, his aids said.

Soldiers also demolished a second-floor walkway between the two wings of the building, cutting Arafat off from most of his guards in the other section. Overnight, 27 guards, apparently not among those on Israel's wanted list, came out of the building, their shirts raised to show they were not carrying explosives.

Early Saturday, five explosions rocked the wing where the guards had stayed.

The White House and the European Union urged Israel to show restraint, suggesting that too harsh a reprisal for the bus blast, claimed by Arafat's Islamic militant rival Hamas, would upset quiet efforts to reform the Palestinian Authority and secure a truce. *AP*

SMOKE billows from Arafat's besieged compound in Ramallah as Israeli soldiers stand guard Sept. 20. Israeli tanks were just 10 meters from Arafat's office after the army destroyed every other building in his headquarters overnight, detaining 19 of their occupants. AFP

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Experts: Water could trigger wars

PARIS—The world's growing thirst for water is becoming a major potential trigger for war, and global warming is set to accentuate that risk, experts say.

Ecologists have warned for years of a looming "water crunch," when in hot, dry regions, the demands of a surging population could exceed the supply from lakes, rivers and aquifers reeling from pollution or drained by decades of overuse.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan spelt out those fears only last March, saying fierce national rivalries over water resources could contain "the seeds of violent conflict."

Now, just a few months later, those words seem ominously prophetic.

The United States has rushed an intermediary to the Middle East to try to prevent a clash between Israel and Lebanon over water from the Wazzani River.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has declared that a Lebanese project to tap some of the water from this river, which provides up to a quarter of inflow to the Sea of Galilee, Israel's biggest source of freshwater, could be grounds for war.

"Just as war over fire sparked conflict among early prehistoric tribes, wars over water may result from current tensions over this resource in the next few years," the consultancy PricewaterhouseCoopers said last year.

"The Near and Middle East are the zones where there is the greatest threat." Other flarepoints in that region are Turkey's plan to dam the waters of the Tigris and Euphrates, a scheme that is furiously opposed by Syria and Iraq, which both lie downstream, while Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia have squabbled over the use of water from the Nile.

But these problems are not unique to the Middle East. Specialists list some 300 potential conflicts over water-sharing around the world, ranging through Africa and southern and central Asia.

Peter Gleick, president of a Californian think tank that specializes in water problems, the Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security, says wars that are triggered just over water are historically rare, but water is often a major contributing factor to exchanging blows. *AFP*

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Village women carry the body of their father-in-law, who died of natural causes, to a funeral Sept. 20 in Baturea village, some 125 km southwest of Bangladesh the capital of Dhaka. Police are interrogating some 250 villagers after suspected leftist rebels shot dead four policemen at a police outpost. The women pictured are carrying out the duties normally performed by men after all men from the village fled for fear of being arrested.

Ivory Coast president vows all-out war after failed coup

ABIDJAN—Ivory Coast's President Laurent Gbagbo promised all out war on his enemies and gunfire crackled overnight in the West African country's second city of Bouake, where rebels have vowed to hold off loyalist troops.

Turmoil took on a regional dimension as officials said rebel reinforcements came from a neighboring country and security forces burned homes of immigrants from next-door Burkina Faso in the hunt for attackers accused of trying to seize power.

Gbagbo made a fighting speech after flying home from Rome, where he had abruptly cancelled a meeting with Pope John Paul, to take charge after assailants failed to capture the main city and port of Abidjan but held parts of the north.

"The hour of patriotism has struck, the hour of courage has struck, the hour of battle has struck. They have imposed a battle on us and we will fight it," he said in a national broadcast to the former French colony late on Friday.

"If anyone comes towards me with a sword, I will unsheath my own blade," he said.

The strife in the world's top cocoa grower has fanned fears of a wider conflict in the country of more than 16 million, which until a 1999 coup was a haven of stability in a region battered by wars like those in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The rebels say that they are 775 disgruntled soldiers protesting about their unfair retirement from the army.

The government accuses them of trying to take power in a coup plotted by former junta leader Robert Guei, who was shot dead by loyalist forces in Abidjan on Thursday.

Residents in Bouake, Ivory Coast's second city 350 km (220 miles north of Abidjan, said they heard gunfire for several hours during the night.

But they believed it was from an attack by the rebels on a pocket of loyalists holed up at a commando camp rather than a massive assault promised by the government after the renegades missed a deadline to give up.

"We intend to make a stand in Bouake. We will not leave here without a fight," one rebel commander told Reuters earlier. *Reuters*

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Port strike worries traders

DUMAGUETE CITY—Apprehension is gripping businessmen in this city as a strike waged by workers of the Cipres Stevedoring and Arrastre, Inc. (CISAI) entered its second day yesterday with no apparent solution in sight.

Loving Fetalvero, Philippine Ports Authority manager here, said his office has been swamped with calls from businessmen asking for developments about the strike, which threatens the smooth flow of business in the city.

The strike has paralyzed the loading and unloading of cargoes from the ships, although passengers are allowed free access to and from the vessels, along with their hand-carried baggage.

Fetalvero, however, said he could still not give an estimate on the strike's effect on port operations.

Dumaguete Mayor Agustin Perdices also said he was concerned over the strike at the port area and asked the strikers not to restrict the movement of passengers.

Perdices said the Department of Labor and Employment was set to send a representative to meet with the strikers and the management of the CISAI.

The strike by the CISAI Employees Union-Associated Labor Union was triggered by the alleged failure of CISAI to implement the benefits provided in their collective bargaining agreement.

Meanwhile, the Regional Development Council passed a resolution endorsing the proposal of the PPA to construct a passenger terminal at the Dumaguete port.

The resolution was passed during the regular RDC full council meeting held on Friday at the Siquijor State College in Larena, Siquijor.

Fetalvero said the resolution was passed after the RDC noted that there was a need for a passenger terminal in Dumaguete.

Romeo Escandor, co-chair of the RDC, said the city should have a passenger terminal even if it does not resort to reclamation.

Fetalvero said the plan of PPA General Manager Alfonso Cusi and Mayor Perdices to do away with reclamation and construct the passenger terminal at the site of the Coast Guard and Bureau of Customs buildings was not discussed in the RDC meeting but neither was there any mention of the need to reclaim the 1.3 hectares of the sea fronting Silliman University.

In its last full council session in Dumaguete two months ago, the RDC ordered the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to speed up the issuance of the Environmental Compliance Certificate to the PPA for this project. *Alex Pal, PDI Visayas Bureau*

German national claims woman abducted him

CEBU CITY—A German national who was reported missing for four days showed up at the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group here on Friday claiming he was drugged, abducted and stripped of his valuables before he was freed.

Herman Jendereiek, 65, told the CIDG that his abductor was a woman whom he only identified as "Teresa."

Jendereiek, who could not speak English, was accompanied by his Cebuana girlfriend Erlinda Casul, 47, to the CIDG.

The German national said he arrived at the city's Pier 3, last Sept. 14 from Anda, Bohol and was drinking beer at a store in the port's waiting area for Casul when Teresa approached and befriended him.

The next thing he knew, the foreigner said he felt dizzy and weak and the woman led him out of the store. He said they rode a taxi heading towards Cebu City's downtown area and the woman brought him inside a hotel, the name of which he could not remember.

Tacloban

The following day, Sept. 15, the foreigner said he was still weak when the woman brought him to Pier 2 and they both boarded a boat bound for Tacloban City.

In Tacloban, Teresa brought him to a nipa hut in an isolated "hilly place." Two unidentified men later arrived and forcibly took his cash worth P 33,000.

The two male suspects also took his 200 Euros, a camera, telescope, wristwatch, gold necklace, gold ring and mechanical tools valued at about P100,000.

He said that on Sept. 18, Teresa brought him to the Tacloban port and gave him P500 for his transportation expenses in going to Cebu. Jendereiek immediately took a ferry to Lapu-Lapu City.

Supt. Richie Posadas, deputy director of the CIDG in Central Visayas, said his men had received word that people at the city's ports were familiar with "Teresa" as she was known to be a swindler doubling as a beautician and a fortune-teller operating at the port area.

The CIDG was also checking their counterparts in Tacloban City to verify the information they have about the two male suspects, he said.

Bohol

Posadas said their initial investigation revealed that Jendereiek and his fiancee went to Bohol on Sept. 9 to renovate a house in Anda town, reportedly owned by the former Filipino wife of the German.

Posadas said they learned that Casul, who lives in Gun-ob, Lapu-Lapu City, returned to Cebu last Sept. 12 and she was to fetch the German national at the port area on Sept. 14.

He said Casul reported Jendereiek missing to the Maritime police stationed at Pier 3 when she failed to find him at the port area that day.

The couple were reunited on Sept. 18 and they went to the CIDG the following day to report the incident. The couple also went to the hospital to have Jendereiek examined by a doctor after the girlfriend discovered several cigarette burns on his feet. *Jolene R. Bulambot, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Appliance smuggling bared in Legazpi port

TABACO CITY—After rice smuggling was discovered and stopped in this city's international seaport, a new form of smuggling is being dug up here.

Smuggled appliances were discovered by no less than the city's outgoing police chief, Nilo Berdin, in a vessel supposedly containing not appliances but rice bought by the National Food Authority from India.

Berdin earlier exposed the rice smuggling in the city, which prompted Malacañang to take action.

A vessel shipped the 300,040 bags of rice bought by the National Food Authority from India and docked at this city's port at 8:45 a.m., Wednesday. The vessel, however, also contained assorted appliances.

The illegal importation of appliances has reached the knowledge of this city's local police force through a telephone call from a police asset who tipped off the suspicious unloading of assorted appliances from M/V Feng and transferred them into three Isuzu Highlander vans.

Philippine Ports Authority manager Amador Rebato here said the shipper only declared and paid to their office for the rice but not the appliances.

Berdin immediately coordinated with the Philippine Coast Guard and found that 12 of the ship's crewmembers have expired seaman's books and no records with the Bureau of Immigration.

Coast Guard Tabaco chief Efren Baldesco identified the four ship officers as captain Nicanor Impe Diana, 2nd engineer Rodolfo Bernaldez, 4th engineer Danny Magno and Giovanne Bartolome.

Berdin said he requested an investigation on suspicion that smugglers, in cahoots with other government officials, have struck again, especially now that he is leaving this city.

He is set to receive spot promotion on the discovery of rampant rice smuggling at the Tabaco port. *Job Belen, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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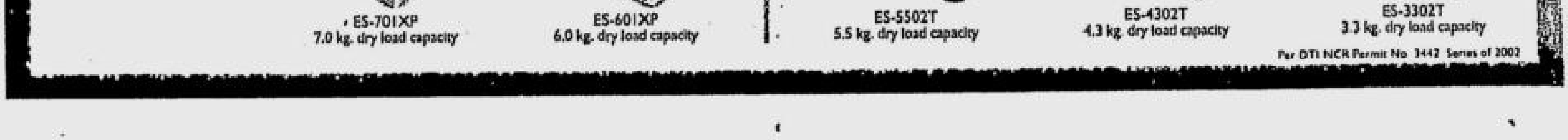

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'AGSAM' GOES MAINSTREAM

Weavers of the 'wet-and-wear'

By Romel M. Oribe
Surigao del Sur

MANA Cosing was sleeping like a rag doll on a bamboo bench at her *descanso* when I arrived early in the afternoon. Her creased face, graying hair and tired veins in bony arms grossly exaggerated her 70 years.

Quietly, I sat opposite her. It was cool despite the punishing sun outside. Must be the nipa thatch or the coco fronds that swayed to the whistles of the Pacific Ocean.

Inside the house, a girl of no more than six was sleeping on the wooden floor, shellacked by the sun from gaps in the bamboo-slatted walls. Clasped by the girl's left hand was an unfinished *agsam* bracelet that looked like dried baby octopus with its fringes.

Then to the strains of melancholic background music from an unseen transistor radio, a honeyed voice started reading an angst-ridden letter. Mana Cosing stirred; her appetite for an afternoon fix of radio soap had been subliminally whetted.

A bit embarrassed upon seeing me, she quickly collected herself and invited me inside. She wakened the girl, who grudgingly repaired to the corner to continue her sleep.

The house was decrepit and small, but it was very tidy; I immediately felt at home.

On the table between us was a bowlful of *agsam* bracelets that evoked images of inky squid rings. I took one to better look at the intricate and ingenious weaving pattern. It was beautiful.

"The buyer will be here tomorrow and we're still 50 short of our quota," she said.

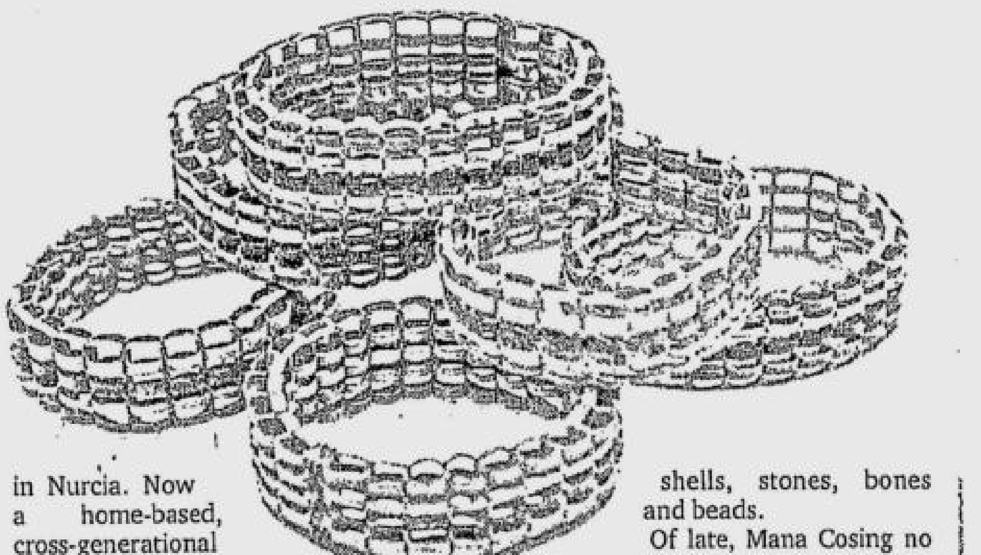
"This will be brief," I said, referring to our scheduled interview.

Flashing me a toothless smile, she said: "It's OK."

Mana Cosing is the oldest of the more than 700 *agsam* weavers of Nurcia, a coastal barangay of about 1,200 people with a little over 200 households in Lanuza town in Surigao del Sur.

She started weaving *agsam* just after she became a teenage mother. This was on the day when a Muslim trader came to Nurcia asking for *agsam* bracelets whose samples he had bought from a native in one of his recent trips to Lanuza. It turned out, an interested buyer from Davao wanted the product in bulk.

AGSAM weavers produce these intricately woven headbands (below, left) that have seeped into the fashion sensibilities of both locals and foreigners. These traditional "wet and wear" *agsam* bracelets (above, right) have become hot buys for exporters.
ROMEL M. ORIBE



Economic revolution

Little did the Muslim trader know that by offering to barter *agsam* bracelets with "*pono*" (stereophone), transistor radio, kitchen utensils, clothes, underwear, footwear and just about anything, he was initiating an economic revolution in Nurcia. Now a home-based, cross-generational enterprise, *agsam* weaving involves practically every man, woman and child whose new collective motto is "the family that weaves together, earns together".

In the 1990s, Nurcia was declared a craft village for *agsam*. As such, it became a recipient of a package of assistance that included skills and upgrading trainings and product development from the Department of Trade and Industry and the Canadian International Development Agency.

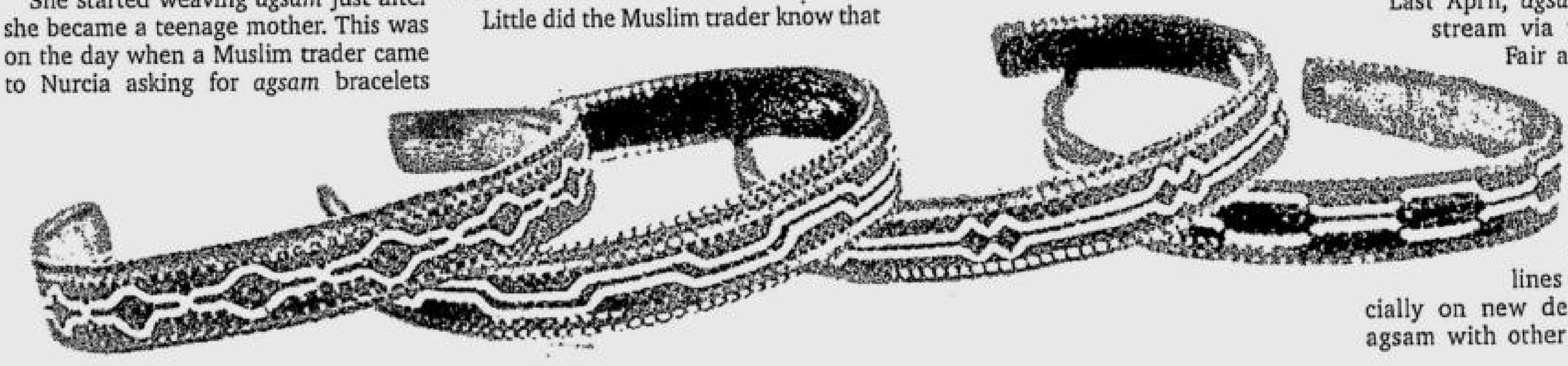
Agsam is a fern-like vine that purportedly creeps only in the undulating terrains of Surigao del Sur. Before its banana-cue stick-sized stem can be made into an ornament, it has to be stripped, buried deep in mud for natural coloring and sun dried for days.

Mana Cosing said that *agsam* was originally worn by natives either as bracelet or anklet, but always as talisman against evil spirits.

Peculiar property

Today, *agsam* bracelet is more popularly known as "wet-and-wear" due to its peculiar property of expanding when wet and contracting when dry. This unique feature never fails to charm buyers who couldn't believe that all they have to do to slip the unbelievably tiny bracelet into their wrists is to first soak it in water.

The product line of *agsam* has evolved to include headbands, bags, belts, hairclips, coasters, hot pads, placemats and cell phone holders.



Last April, *agsam* had gone mainstream via the National Trade Fair at the SM Megamall in Metro Manila where it enjoyed brisk sales from locals and foreigners alike. And exporters are already burning the lines to book orders especially on new designs that combine agsam with other materials like coco shells, stones, bones and beads.

Of late, Mana Cosing no longer sells to Muslim traders because she's now a "contract worker" of the barangay chair who acts as product consolidator for buyers from Cebu, Davao and Cagayan de Oro cities. This is more convenient for her as the *Kapitan* provides her with her needs like rice, salt, sugar, matches, tinned goods or tabaco that she smokes on coned banana leaves.

Asked about her monthly income, she coyly told me in the vernacular: "*Basta hay lam mabuhi an pobre na tiguyang* (Just enough for a poor old woman to get by)."

"It must be a lot, considering that it has seen you through all these years, " I said. Again, the toothless smile.

When small is much

I would later know that a weaver could earn anywhere from P800 to P1,800 a month. This may be small, but for children who do it off school and housewives who do it on slack time and at a place where first-class fish sells at P50 a kilo, it's pretty much.

Mana Cosing sticks to weaving traditional agsam bracelets whose market remains stable. Asked if she could do the modern and better-priced designs that continue to evolve, she shook her head. "I leave it to my *apo* (grandchild)," she said pointing with her lips at the girl in the corner, who was now awake and had resumed weaving.

The sun was dancing on Mana Cosing's lined forehead when I noticed that she had cataract. As if reading my mind, she took some *agsam* strips and without taking her eyes off me started weaving with the dexterity of a blind doing Braille.

I started to have a growing sense of unease inside me. When I asked her about retirement, Mana Cosing answered with the faintest shrug of her scrawny shoulders: "I'll die weaving."

I smiled; the kind of smile one gives to a person whose joke falls flat. But when I looked into her opaque eyes and they remained unblinking, that was when I knew she was dead sure.

No more vendetta: Muslims, Christians rebuild lives

By Jeffrey M Tupas
Tulunan, Cotabato

UNTIL recently, Muslim and Christian residents of Barangays Popoyon and Dungos in Tulunan, Cotabato, had only hatred in their hearts.

They had lived without trusting each other, governed by an unwritten rule: Never make friends with those from the other group.

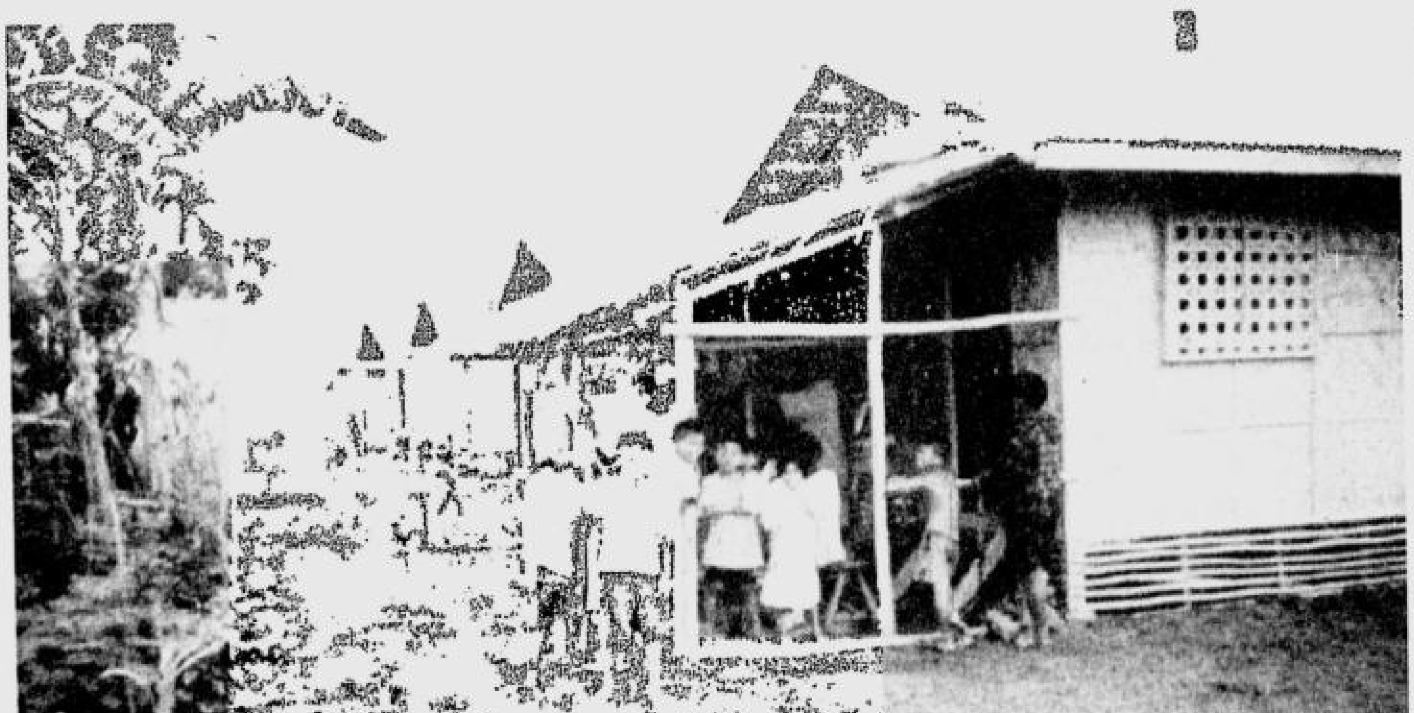
For several decades, they had prepared themselves to fight or kill one another—or get killed. A culture of violence, perpetrated under the cause of vendetta, so pervaded the communities that none of the elders could keep track of the body count.

The conflict not only resulted in countless deaths but also sent people streaming to evacuation centers.

In Popoyon and Dungos, the bloodbath started in 1972 when the Ilaga, an anti-Moro secessionist group, came into being.

The Ilaga's anti-Muslim campaign triggered hatred between members of the two faiths, said 65-year-old Kamad Panalangin. "They (Ilagas) attacked at dawn. They would not only kill (Muslims) but they would also slash their victim's ears," he said.

Ilaga members occupied Popoyon and Dungos, as well as the neighboring villages, Panalangin said. The group became even dreaded because of the support it received from the now defunct Philippine Constabulary.



TODAY'S children of Muslim and Christian residents of Barangay Popoyon play together, unlike in the past when dissension between members of the two faiths have caused those before them to violently hate each other.
JEFFREY TUPAS

Vendetta

"If you don't want to have your ears slashed or get killed, you have to fight back, which I did," Panalangin said.

Wilfredo Billones, Popoyon barangay chair, said life was miserable during those years because "we lived under a system of vendetta."

The violence turned the villages into "no-man's land" for two decades, according to Mario Balonebro, barangay chair of Dungos. "During those times, the conflict between the Muslims and Christians was very serious."

After 1978, some of the residents went back to the area, only to be displaced later. As the violence subsided, they again tried to settle down, but in 1996, clashes erupted anew.

Then came then President Joseph Estrada's declaration of an "all-out war" against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in 2000.

"We suffered so much. The war was so traumatic to us, especially to the women and children. But (Dungos) is our home so we kept coming back. We never get tired," Balonebro said.

Two years later, the residents decided that it was time to bury the hatchet and rebuild their lives.

"The war is over . . . the Christian-Moro conflict is over. It's already peaceful here," Panalangin said.

Enter: UNMDP

The desire to help one another to achieve peaceful coexistence caught the attention of officials of the United Nations Multi-Donor Program (UNMDP).

Ricarda Rieger, UNMDP deputy resident representative to the Philippines, said the agency wanted to help the villagers start anew.

"It's good to see people doing their share in peace and development. They are picking up bits and pieces of their lives and I can see that they want to have a good start," Rieger said during a recent visit to Dungos and Popoyon.

Subsequently, foreign funding agencies came and provided the residents with core shelters to replace their houses which were damaged during the war.

At least 48 houses were built in Popoyon and 63 houses in Dungos. Each core shelter cost P22,000.

The UNMDP also set up a day care center and skills training center for women, a health center to provide medicines and medical consultations, and a community retail store. It installed a shallow well for the water supply of the villages and conducted team-building and community-based skills training, particularly dressmaking, for women, as well as milk and other supplemental feeding for children.

UNMDP officials made sure that the projects were equally distributed among members of the two faiths.

As part of the communities' food security, the program provided vegetable seeds and organic fertilizers under a gardening concept of "Food always in the home."

Ronilo Disaban, UNMDP project manager for Mindanao, declared that Popoyon and Dungos had become success stories. "This time, the people were (the ones) deciding to go back and build peace," he said.

Village coco oil mill opens

DON MARCELINO, Davao del Sur—The country's first village-level coconut oil processing mill recently opened here without much fanfare.

The P2.8-million facility in Barangay Lawa here is not the typical "capitalist investment" aimed at exploiting the productivity of one of Southern Mindanao's coconut producing areas.

What makes it extra-ordinary is that it is owned by a group of lumad who learned that they should start helping themselves. The mill, owned by some 106 agrarian reform beneficiaries, was the product of this effort.

Pooling their resources two and a half years ago, which reached P500,000, members of the Lawa Workers Multi-Purpose Cooperative, which is composed of Manobo and B'laan tribespeople, thought of how they could maximize their incomes from the 330-hectare coconut farm they got under the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program. The farm produces an average of 3.9 million nuts per year, but the low price of copra was becoming a major blow on their income.

So they used their pooled resources as equity to secure a loan from the Land Bank of the Philippines and the United Nations Development Programme-Support to Asset Reform and Development for Indigenous Communities (UNDP-Sardic).

Land Bank approved the feasibility study for the coconut mill and released P1.17 million as loan, while UNDP-Sardic chipped-in P1.2 million.

In August, the coconut mill was finally finished. As the machines finally came into life, the facility started churning in 2,250 kilos of copra per 16 hours. *Allan A. Nawal, PDI Mindanao Bureau.*

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MESSAGE

I extend my most cordial greetings to The Philippine Glaucoma Society and The Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology as you host 2nd *Biennial Meeting of the Southeast Asian Glaucoma Interest Group.*

I commend these organizations for their continuing efforts to improve and support the ideals of ophthalmology practice in the country. Your organization's meritorious efforts have helped Philippine medical practitioners keep abreast of current trends in their professions, remain competitive and become better health service providers for our people.

This momentous event with the theme, "GLAUCOMA: Southeast Asian & Global Perspectives" manifests your organization's unwavering commitment towards the advancement of glaucoma research and treatment in order to engender a glaucoma-free society for all. This affair will foster among our physicians a stronger dedication towards excellence in ensuring healthier and more productive people

I wish the success of this convention and urge your continued active participation in steering our nation towards greater economic growth.

More power and Mabuhay kayong lahat!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO

Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MESSAGE

It is a distinct pleasure to convey my warmest greetings to the Philippine Glaucoma Society and the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology for hosting the 2nd Biennial Meeting of the Southeast Asian Glaucoma Interest Group (SEAGIG) on September 26-28, 2002.

The global burden of caring for around 45 million blind people worldwide, half a million of which are Filipinos, is a very alarming reality that we as a unified and responsive health sector should address. Glaucoma, as an ophthalmologic condition that contributes to the rising trend of blindness all over the world, cannot simply be ignored.

The holding of this international meeting on glaucoma underscores the importance of harmonizing the southeast Asian perspective on the management and control of glaucoma with that of the global perspective, in order for us to come to a fuller understanding and appreciation of the challenges and strategies that relate to this particular disease condition.

Through this convention, I hope that eye experts and various interest and support groups will be able to reach a consensus in the development of clinical guidelines that will ensure consistency in the quality of care that we give our glaucoma patients, in whatever creed or color they come, even as we intensify our campaign on the prevention of blindness in our country and worldwide.

I wish this activity every possible success and may this initiative significantly contribute to our collective effort of improving the quality of care that our people, especially the poor and the underserved, get to obtain from our health professionals and other healthcare providers, in light of the reforms that the health sector is currently undertaking.

Congratulations and Mabuhay kayong lahat!

MANUEL M. DAYRIT, M.D., MSc
Secretary of Health

Republic of the Philippines
City of Mandaluyong
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MESSAGE

I extend my warmest greetings and felicitations to all the members and officers of the Philippine Glaucoma and the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology for the 2nd hosting of the Biennial Meeting of the Southeast Asian Glaucoma Interest Group.

Glaucoma is undeniably as one of the leading causes of blindness not only in this country but also in the entire world. The increasing cases of glaucoma victims have encouraged many of us specially those whose fields of profession are at bigger risks for glaucoma, to initiate moves or exercise habits that would somehow alleviate chances of eye abuses. However, this disease seems to have its own unique way of reaching its unsuspecting preys. Acquired or inherited, eye glaucoma is something that our specialists need to have deeper understanding about through a more intensive study.

This is why I am grateful to the above organizations for the hosting of this undertaking. What will be learned from this meeting will certainly introduce new technological advances and fresh knowledge on how to effectively prevent this disease Like an old adage says, "Prevention is better than cure".

Congratulations to all of you and mabuhay!

BENJAMIN C. ABALOS, JR.
City Mayor

In behalf of the Philippine Glaucoma Society and the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology, under the authority of the Executive Council of the South East Asian Glaucoma Interest Group (SEAGIG) of the Asia Oceanic Glaucoma Society, I warmly welcome participants and guests to the 2nd Biennial Meeting of the SEAGIG in 2002.

Preparing a worthwhile international glaucoma meeting was made easy by the gracious and unselfish acceptance of the experts of Europe, United States and Asia Oceanic to share their valuable clinical and research finding to a mixed audience of glaucoma and comprehensive eye practitioners of the Philippines and South East Asia.

Hopefully the expectation of all our guests and participants will be met given the quality of our speakers and the efforts of the Organizing Committee. At the end of SEAGIG 2002 we trust that our perspectives have been broadened enough for the benefit of our glaucoma patients.

Lastly, we invite all to savor warm Filipino hospitality and not miss our unique natural biodiversity.

With glad hearts we welcome you to Manila and the Pearl of the Orient Seas - the Philippines.

Mabuhay!

MANUEL B. AGULTO, M.D.
President, Philippine Glaucoma Society
Overall Chairman, SEAGIG 2002

Glaucoma is a major health problem affecting an estimated 90 million people worldwide. Of these 90 million individuals, half are found in Asia. And while many of the concepts of glaucoma are global in nature, it is a recognized fact that regional variation exists, and that ophthalmologists worldwide need to understand this in order to be able to offer to their patients optimum eye care and fulfill their role as guardians of their patients' eye sight.

It is therefore with great excitement that the Philippines plays host to the 2nd Biennial Meeting of the Southeast Asian Glaucoma Interest Group (SEAGIG), a component of the Asian-Oceanic Glaucoma Society. In a country where glaucoma is second to cataracts as a cause of ocular morbidity, this event carries with it tremendous importance. Rarely have so many experts in this field gathered together to share and exchange views on glaucoma as they have for this meeting. And for this organizers feel particularly privileged.

We have prepared for you a well-balanced program that promises to update participants on the latest trends in glaucoma management. The conference will also provide vast opportunities for ophthalmologist to exchange knowledge and skills in the science and art of glaucoma treatment. Finally, this meeting will also offer all participants the chance to enjoy fellowship and camaraderie amidst the warm culture of the Filipino people.

Welcome to SEAGIG 2002 and welcome to the Philippines!

MARIO V. AQUINO, M.D.
Founder, Philippine Glaucoma Society
Honorary Chairman, SEAGIG 2002

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Mabuhay!

"Mabuhay" is the famed Filipino welcome greeting. Literally, however, it means, "to come to life" or "long live". Strangely, this greeting finds some relevance in this meeting. With the advent of neuroprotection in the medical therapy of glaucoma, "mabuhay" may well be a wish that ophthalmologists and glaucomatologists make as they try to keep the nerve fibers of a glaucomatous eye alive and functional.

On the occasion of the second meeting of the Southeast Asian Glaucoma Interest Group (SEAGIG), I would like to congratulate the Philippine Glaucoma Society and its Organizing Committee for having organized such a wonderful and highly informative meeting. The theme, " Global and Southeast Asian Perspectives", truly reflect the current state of knowledge worldwide. While most of us will agree that there are certain concepts that are global in nature, regional differences and variations are continually being recognized and discovered. Needless to say, these differences and variations contribute immensely to our total understanding of that blinding ocular condition called glaucoma. The efforts of the SEAGIG in this regard truly deserve commendation and we wish you all, more power!

To all delegates and guests, welcome to Manila! We hope you will find your stay not only enjoyable but, intellectually enriching as well

Once again, mabuhay!

ROMULO N. AGUILAR, M.D., Ph. D.
President, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology

LEARNING their three Rs, mothers and their children in a barangay day care center in North Poblacion, Maramag, Bukidnon, pose with their benefactors, Unicef representative Dr. Terrel Hill and Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce.

Moms take control 'in home for happy children'

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RP-Unicef Country Program for Children (CPC V), and all child-friendly according to set standards.

Pearce said she was impressed by the "enthusiasm and dynamism" shown by the locals in implementing the child-friendly programs.

Indeed, barangay officials produced within a few days a swing, slide and monkey bars for a day-care center here, according to Unicef project officer Dr. Marisa Ricardo. Thus, she said, the center easily gained the rating it needed to be deemed a child-friendly facility.

Hill lauded the interest shown by the women in the FFL class, most of whom, he noted, belonged to the 18-20 age group with one or two children.

"But whether they're young or 45 years old, the impact is the same—they can now take more control of their lives," he said.

Hill also said the Philippines was the first country to put together a Child-Friendly Movement under the CPC V program. And being a "social movement, it can't be done overnight," he said.

He stressed that such a movement was necessarily focused on children. He said this was why he had persisted in reminding local leaders, some of whom had admitted not knowing much about children, to take the lead in investing on them.

Ensuring, for instance, that households use iodized salt will mean children gaining 10 points in their IQ (intelligence quotient), Hill said.

"So a small investment can make a big difference," he added.

Lack of education

In his remarks, Hill said the lack of education had proved a handicap for many women in the provinces.

He recalled a Bukidnon woman saying that she did not dare go to neighboring Cagayan de Oro City because she was afraid of getting lost. It turned out that she could not read the sign on the bus that would take her there.

This is expected to change in Bukidnon, one of 20 provinces and five cities taking part in the Child-Friendly Movement.

The movement's objective is to make "legislators, national and local executives 'child-sensitive' and, thus, address the priority needs of children" by the end of 2004.

It is also aimed at making the Convention on the Rights of Children, of which the Philippines is a signatory, a "reality to the Filipino child."

According to Hill, the participating local government units are "rising to the challenge."

He cited the provinces of Sarangani, Guimaras and Camarines Norte as progressing very well in implementing child-friendly facilities and programs.

He said that the cities in Metro Manila were equally doing well, especially in putting up child protection areas, and that this was probably because the local officials there were committed.

"Political commitment is important," Hill said, adding that politicians tended to go for projects involving infrastructure because these involved "good politics" and were "easy to be seen by the public."

Bukidnon Governor Zubiri sounded a similar note in a speech at the re-launching of the Child-Friendly Movement at the Kaamulan Open Theater in Malaybalay City.

Zubiri noted the penchant of politicians to do more infrastructure projects, but said his administration was keen on making Bukidnon "a home for happy children."

"Let us love them, not abuse them, teach them a simple life, not spoil them," he said.

4 gifts

Under the Child-Friendly Movement, each of the 20 provinces and five cities are expected to come up with "four gifts"—a development plan, an investment plan, an annual report of the state of their children, and a local code for children.

Unicef data show that Camarines Norte and Negros Oriental have completed all four gifts.

Hill said Bukidnon was trying its best to "do what it can," and noted that its performance was "about average."

Zubiri, who is in his second year as governor, said his priority programs were aimed at addressing the needs of the youth in the province.

One of his pet projects, which is stirring controversy here, is the provincial indigency health project aimed at extending free medical care to needy families and their children.

Zubiri provided Hill and Pearce a copy of Bukidnon's local development plan and investment program for children for 2002-2006.

Approved by the province's Sangguniang Panlalawigan last June 15, the plan allocates an annual budget for children's education, health and sanitation, social welfare and support to family/community development amounting to an average of P600,000.

Role model

Pearce said the plan was "a good reference tool on how we can strengthen the Child-Friendly Movement."

She said Bukidnon was a "role model for the whole Philippines," and expressed the hope that it would continue to work on achieving its child-friendly programs.

In a speech, Pearce said Australia's development assistance to Mindanao this year was over P1.7 billion and focused on community activities.

Australia is the biggest partner of Unicef in the Philippines.

Guingona: RP drifting to martial law

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But activist priest Fr. Joe Dizon said that even if martial law was not imposed, its principles existed under the President's "strong republic."

"Although there is no martial law, iron-fist rule exists," Dizon said at the discussion held at the De La Salle University and sponsored by the September 21 Movement, the College Editors Guild of the Philippines and other groups.

Victims of martial law raised fears that the proposed anti-terrorism bill, which they said could be worse than Marcos' anti-subversion law, would be used to bring about a martial-law-like situation.

Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo said that judging from the five bills filed on the matter, the principles were "very general" and involved a "loose definition" of what constituted terrorism or terrorist acts.

Under this definition, he said, individuals or organizations critical of the government could be branded a terrorist.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, who warned Friday that current conditions provided "fertile grounds" for exploitation by extremist forces, cited "an attempt to demean the institutions of government to make it appear that (these) are not working, so that there is a need for that drastic solution by way of the exercise of authoritarian power."

"Marcos attacked Congress for being inutile and the media for being abusive. I think there is a similar attempt today," Pimentel said.

But Jose Abueva, former president of the University of the Philippines, pointed out that conditions had somehow improved with the existence of a "vibrant civil society."

"The big difference is that we have had Edsa," Abueva said.

Nevertheless, he admitted that the pre-martial law problems of "poverty, inequity and slow economic growth" remained.

Military role

Almost all of those who participated in the discussion agreed that it would now be hard for any administration to impose martial law in view of the constitutional provisions guarding against it.

But Guingona said the prominent role of the military in governance showed that it had "not yet been re-oriented, as mandated by the Constitution."

He said the Philippine military was largely "dependent" on the US government in terms of "training, weaponry and thinking."

Guingona said another similarity between then and now was that through the Visiting Forces Agreement, "American military forces are still with us."

"I cannot accept a foreigner killing a Filipino, no matter how bad he is," the Vice President said.

Pimentel expressed alarm over the rise of summary executions to "silence critical people."

He said that in his native city of Cagayan de Oro alone, 28 people had been "salvaged."

"I think this is a disturbing situation, when the government can just look the other way when innocent lives are snuffed out," he said.

Pimentel also said that while he favored an anti-terrorism law, it should be carefully crafted so that it would not curtail the people's fundamental rights.

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ANG TATAY KO!
PINATAY NG MILITAR
ANG TATAY AT NANAY KO!

ORPHANS, victims and survivors of militarization under the Marcos rule, which began 30 years ago, get together to form an anti-militarism network with the acronym Origami. Members show how to say it with the art of folding paper into designs for peace based on justice. JOAN BONDOC

Cowing dissent

In a statement sent to the INQUIRER in Lucena City, an underground rebel group said the administration would not impose martial rule but would push for an anti-terrorism law to cow even legitimate dissenters.

"It is only a matter of time when the Malacañang-sponsored anti-terror bill—patterned after the repressive Patriot Act in the US—will be heard within the halls of the reactionary Congress and put to a vote," said Patricio Ramirez, spokesperson of the Partido ng Manggagawang Pilipino (PMP).

Echoing Ocampo, Ramirez said that in the various versions of the bill, "terror is defined broadly to include the exercise of legitimate dissent."

"The anti-terror bill is a draconian measure meant to suppress not so much terrorist groups as revolutionary movements," he said, adding that the open mass movement and the underground revolutionary groups would not be cowed.

The PMP, a workers-led group founded by the late Filemon Lagman, is composed of underground groups that recently joined forces to fight the Macapagal administration.

Ramirez said the administration's "reactionary character" was being exposed "not just by its implementation of the economic policy of globalization and its puppetry to the dictates of US imperialism but also by its heightening repression of the popular movement."

"The ghost of martial law is acquiring real form under GMA's strong republic," he said. "(But) the ruling class and its imperialist boss have learned their lessons well. Open fascist dictatorship does not quell but rather provokes mass resistance and popular struggles."

In Laoag City, at least 1,000 members of the farmers' group Solidarity of Peasants against Exploitation-Ilocos (Stop-Ex-Ilocos) and the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan-Ilocos marked the 30th anniversary of the declaration of martial law with a commemorative program at the Divine Word College.

The farmers from La Union, Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte and Abra marched to the Ilocos Norte provincial capitol to remind Ilocanos of the dark years and the strong-arm tactics imposed by Marcos, their "favorite son."

In a statement, Bayan-Ilocos said Marcos' "New Society" seemed to have been resurrected in Ms Macapagal's "strong republic."

At the Cauayan town plaza 119.9 kilometers south of Bacolod City, a marker in memory of those who fought against martial law was unveiled.

"This marker is a reminder of Marcos' reign of terror and repression during martial law," said Salome Deocampo, regional coordinator of the Task Force Detainees in the Western Visayas.

Deocampo said the TFD was calling on Ms Macapagal to stop her all-out war policy and focus her services on the victims of rights abuse.

"Our cry is never again to martial law," said Bayan-Negros secretary general Julius Mariveles, as militant groups held commemorative rallies in the cities of Bacolod, Escalante and Kabankalan.

About 50 youth members of three militant groups in Negros Occidental also gathered in front of the Bacolod City Hall and described the President's "strong republic" as a prelude to martial law.

In Iloilo City, around 1,700 protesters led by Bayan and the farmers group Paghugpong sang mga Mangunguma sa Panay kag Guimaras (Pamanggas) marched through the main streets before holding a cultural program at the Rotary Amphitheater.

"This is not a commemoration for us because terror exists in the remote barangays right now," said Pamanggas secretary general Nilo Arado.

He accused the Army's special operation teams under the 3rd Infantry Division of forcing members of the Tumanduk, an indigenous group, to leave their ancestral land in a 33,310-hectare military reservation in Jamindan and Tapaz towns in Capiz.

Reconciliation

In Davao City, a group calling itself the People's Patriotic Movement (PPM) urged Filipinos to stop bickering about the effects of martial law and work toward national reconciliation and solidarity.

PPM chair Siegfriedo Tingson said there was no use arguing over whether martial law destroyed the country's future. He said the debate had seriously divided Filipinos and remained an obstacle to development.

But Tingson said there were efforts to "once more strangle freedom."

"Hand in hand, let us face the terrifying difficulties and perils now besetting our country and us," he said. *With reports from Cristina Arzadon, PDI Northern Luzon; Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon; Carla P. Gomez and Nestor Burgos Jr., PDI Visayas; and Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao*

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the PCGG and the OP as there were plans to auction them abroad.

That was 12 years ago. Since then, there has been no action, and some of the pieces, particularly the icons in Leyte, have been confirmed to be missing. Some of the George II silverware had also been reported missing.

"It's not even in the drawing board now," said PCGG Commissioner Victoria Avena who is in charge of legal affairs and asset management.

PCGG vs-BOC

The PCGG had tried to sell the Marcos jewelry, including the Roumeliotes collection, in 1994 but failed to work out the terms of the bidding with international auctioneers Christie's of New York and Sotheby's of London.

Sixty of the jewelry pieces were seized from Greek national Demetrious Roumeliotes, a close friend of Mrs. Marcos, on March 9, 1986. The package of jewelry pieces was addressed to Imelda but he denied that they were owned by Mrs. Marcos. He, along with a jeweler also identified with the former first lady, claimed that the pieces were made of paste.

Two world-renowned auction houses, Christie's and Sotheby's, have proven these assertions to be false.

Since late last year, when the PCGG and the Bureau of Customs had a disagreement on how the jewelry, particularly the Roumeliotes collection, would be sold off, nothing had happened to this planned auction.

. The BOC originally wanted to bid out the jewelry pieces here so that the bureau people could handle the auction proceedings themselves.

The BOC wanted the Roumeliotes collection to be auctioned separately from the PCGG-sequestered Marcos jewelry in order to "isolate it from whatever encumbrance that might attach to the Marcos wealth especially because allegedly there is no evidence showing that the valuables seized from Roumeliotes belonged or were linked to the Marcoses.

The PCGG, on the other hand, believed the Roumeliotes collection was part of the Marcos ill-gotten wealth, and thus wanted to act as the lead agency in its disposal.

Sotheby's was also of the impression that the PCGG not only had the power and authority to negotiate and enter into an agreement with them and cause the sale of all the jewelry, but that the PCGG also had the full authority to represent the Bureau of Customs in the sale of the Roumeliotes collection.

The PCGG believes that selling the jewelry pieces abroad would generate more interest and would get the highest possible amount.

Because of the tiff, the Bureau of Customs sought an opinion last year from the Department of Justice whether the Roumeliotes collection "may be legally sold outside the country."

The customs bureau, however, granted the PCGG the authority to negotiate with Sotheby's for the auction sale of the Roumeliotes collection, but with the reservation that the terms and conditions of any agreement that may be reached shall be subject to the Bureau's approval.

The PCGG already had a consignment agreement in 1996 with Sotheby's Hong Kong and Sotheby's Inc. concerning the auction sale of the three sets of jewelry.

No-opinion opinion

On April 9, 2002, the DOJ finally came up with its much awaited opinion. But it was disappointing to both the BOC and the PCGG that wanted the case resolved.

The DOJ's opinion, written by Justice Secretary Hernando Perez, was for the DOJ not to render any opinion.

Perez said that the DOJ would "refrain from rendering opinion" on the BOC's queries for four main reasons.

First, because Sotheby's might contest the DOJ's ruling before the courts. "This is in consonance with the long established precedents to the effect that the Secretary of Justice does not render opinion on questions which are judicial in nature or which may be subsequently litigated judicially," Perez said.

Second, the "resolution of the issues raised would inevitably require a review of the said 1996 consignment agreement." Perez said that the settled policy is that the DOJ secretary would not pass upon issues which would require an interpretation or review of contracts and agreement since this would call for the legal examination of the contract on a general basis.

Third, Perez said that the final resolution of the issues raised would also need a determination of certain factual issues such as whether or not the jewelry items are part of the Marcos ill-gotten wealth. He said that the DOJ secretary cannot render an opinion on cases involving determination of facts.

Fourth, the issues raised would require an application and interpretation of the provisions of the Tariff and Customs Code, which is the turf of another agency, Perez said.

So eight months after the issue had been raised on the auction, nothing had been resolved.

The BOC said that it had referred the matter to Malacañang after the DOJ rendered a "no opinion" opinion.

There has been no word from the Palace.

Website

The jewelry pieces are "works of art" by themselves because of their exquisite designs, breathtaking size, the superb quality of the gems.

Diana Pollard, who was one of the photographers who took pictures of the jewelry pieces as they were being appraised by Christie's, another renowned international auctioneer, in 1988, put up the site www.djl.net just for Imelda's jewels.

"I have been ostracized by my society friends for having this site ... I present to you what I saw at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas back in 1988. That's it. This site visually documents those jewels, which no doubt have been reset long ago. "Let the jewels speak for themselves," Pollard said of her site www.djl.nets

Happy ending for unhappy 'Pangako' fans

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"It's hard to imagine a night without watching 'Pangako sa 'Yo' because I got so used to it," Diaz said in Filipino. "I really wanted to see Yna and Angelo married, but it's sad to think that the show has ended."

Housewife Miriam Catajay said she made it a point to cook dinners for her family early so she could sit in front of the TV in time for the soap.

"I watched it religiously and it became a habit for me to anticipate what would develop in the story," Catajay said.

With its huge budget, star-studded cast and glossy production design, "Pangako" had captured the attention of a wide range of viewers since it debuted in November 2000.

Trio of directors

At the helm of the soap series were three young directors—Rory Quintos, Trina Dayrit and Jerry Sineneng—who painstakingly worked with the cast and production staff to sustain viewers' interest. The soap boasted of expansive film-quality vistas, grand locations and a creative and fascinating story with interesting twists that surprised not only its viewers but also its cast.

The interesting plots were the topic of conversations in neighborhoods and in offices the next day.

"I didn't want to be alienated and left out in the *chikahan* in the office," said Eric Capacia, a Makati office employee. "It's like missing a Hollywood movie. It's so disappointing when you can't comment on what the group is talking about."

Elvie Matias, who teaches at the Mary Ridge School in Parañaque, said her 8-year-old nephew, Gabe Pizarro, would update her about what had happened whenever she missed an episode.

"On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, when I had to attend classes in UP, Gabe would tell me about the exciting parts that I missed," Matias said. "He remembers the exciting scenes and sometimes gets carried away with the more intense ones. For instance, if there's a hostage-taking or fight scene, he gets mad and bangs the TV."

Matias' favorite character is Amor Powers (played by Eula Valdez).

Good as villainess

"(Amor) is ambitious, yet kind-hearted," Matias said. "She was one character that viewers initially hated but got to love in the end."

Publicist Jett Valle thinks Jean Garcia, as the villainess Claudia, was good.

"I'm always attracted to *contravidas* in general," said Valle. "Claudia is very effective as a scheming woman. Jean really gave justice to the role."

Watching "Pangako" became habit-forming for Valle.

"You really want to know what's going to happen next," he said. "It was always exciting."

Consistent top-rater

"Pangako" was a consistent top-rater among the primetime programs of ABS-CBN.

"It has been the top soap opera of the station," said ABS-CBN corporate communications head Pat-P. Daza.

"There was a slight dip in the ratings after Book One concluded. Occasionally, 'Pangako' would alternate with (other ABS-CBN soaps) on the top of the ratings chart. But during the year-and-a-half that 'Pangako' aired, it always received good ratings," she said.

Its viewership extended up to the US West Coast, where the network's programs are seen on The Filipino Channel (TFC).

"We got hooked on the story of Yna and Angelo and all the other developments in the story," said Essel Valdecañas, a TFC subscriber in San Jose, California.

On Friday night, "Pangako" had an ending that could compare with the highly popular US soap "Dynasty." Claudia disrupted the wedding of Yna and Angelo by pointing a gun at the groom whom she claimed was her real son. The principal characters were given enough dialogue to bolster viewers' excitement. Naturally, the scenes also worked out the viewers' lachrymal glands.

Full of forgiveness

Even people in the INQUIRER office were all agog whether or not Claudia would pull the trigger.

"*Dalawang taon pa yata 'yan bago bumaril* (It looks like it will take her two years before she fires the gun)," remarked sportswriter Marc Reyes.

The ending was full of forgiveness.

Claudia had a change of heart, owned up to her mistakes and asked forgiveness from those she had hurt. She was sentenced to prison, and even when she was behind bars she managed to marry the man she really loved (Simon, played by John Arcilla).

Asked why ABS-CBN decided to end the soap, Daza explained: "We had to end it while it's still on top, like what we did with 'Mula sa Puso.' We didn't want to wait for the ratings to go down. You don't end a series because audience interest is waning. I hope viewers will also watch our new soap, 'Bituin,' that will air on Monday with Nora Aunor in the lead."

In the end, "Pangako sa 'Yo" unveiled its secrets, spelled out the destiny of its characters and, more importantly, fulfilled its promise.

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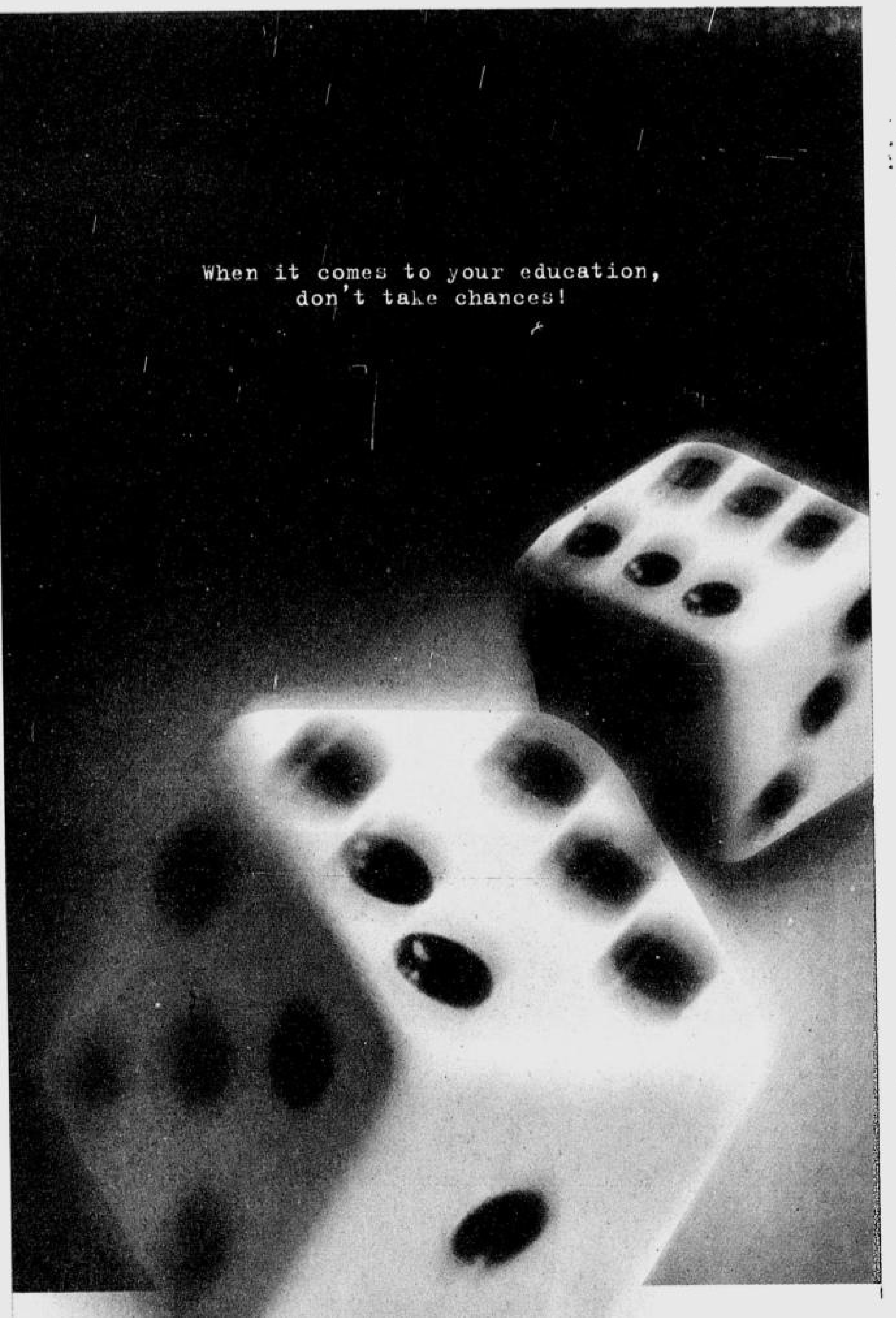

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First step toward that pot of gold—hopefully

Asian Games campaign begins with first batch of athletes leaving today

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE FIRST step to a journey leading hopefully to a pot of gold in the Asian Games begins today when the first wave of Filipino athletes and officials board their plane for Busan, South Korea, venue of the quadrennial Asiad.

The Philippine Airlines will take off at 2:20 p.m., chief of mission Tom Carrasco at the head of 47 athletes and officials from archery, boxing, rowing and sailing for the Asiad which runs from Sept. 28 to Oct. 14.

Among the athletes leaving today are archers Purita Joy Mariano, Jennifer Chan, Joann Tabañag, Rachelle Cabral, Marvin Cordero, Christian Cubilla, Arnold Rojas and Florante Matan, boxers Harry Tanamor, Violito Payla, Ferdie Gamo, Roel Laguna, Anthony Igusquiza, Romeo Brin, Christopher Camat and Maraon Goles, rowers Benjie Tolentino, Jose Rodriguez, Nestor Cordova and Alvin Amposta and sailors Ridgely Ballares, Rommel Chavez, Lealyn Tarroja and Joseph Jason Villena.

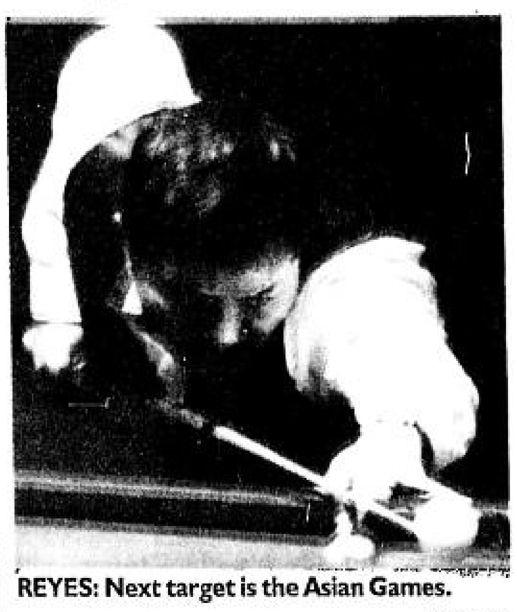
The basketball team, composed of PBA superstars who will try to improve on their third-place finish in Bangkok in 1998, will fly to Busan on Wednesday after two tune-up matches with Qatar.

The biggest batch of the Team Philippines will leave on Thursday, with 115 athletes and officials from swimming, cycling, equestrian, fencing, golf, gymnastics, judo, sepak takraw, shooting, softball and weightlifting.

Other RP teams set to be flown to Busan on Sept. 26 will come from swimming, cycling, equestrian, fencing, golf, gymnastics, judo, sepak takraw, shooting, softball and weightlifting.

Baseball, billiards, bowling, bodybuilding, gymnastics, shooting, soft tennis, squash, table tennis and wrestling squads will depart on Sept. 28.

Those in athletics, badminton, diving and kayak will leave on Oct. 2, while the karatedo and taekwondo teams are due to depart on Oct. 5.



REYES: Next target is the Asian Games.

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Bata resumes winning habit, pockets $10T

By Dennis U. Eroa

SUBIC—Efren "Bata" Reyes outlasted Francisco "Django" Bustamante, 5-2, 5-3, in an All-Filipino final of the Cape Puro Challenge of the Masters last night at the Subic Yacht Club.

The jampacked crowd erupted in wild applause as Reyes cooly captured the 7th rack in the second set, assuring himself of his first-ever title in this former American base.

With the win, Reyes, who made a successful follow-up to his victory in the inaugural Asian 8-ball tournament in Singapore last week, pocketed $10,000. Bustamante, who appeared spent after his lung-busting , 5-2, 3-5, 5-3 victory over Mika Immonen in the crossover semifinals, settled for $7,500.

SBMA Chair Felicito Payumo and Putch Puyat of Puyat Sports awarded the trophies and cash prizes to Reyes and Bustamante.

Immonen and US Open champion Corey Deuel, who lost to Reyes in the first semifinals, decided not to play for third and split the $5,000 purse.

"I think it's not Django's night. He's a little bit tired and I'm fully rested," said Reyes, who will fly with Bustamante to Busan for the Asian Games on Sept. 28.

"I'm happy that we made it both to the finals," Reyes said.

Reyes was able to rest fully since his semifinal encounter against Deuel finished two hours ahead of Bustamante. In contrast, Bustamante needed to use his vast experience in order to frustrate Immonen, the former World Pool champion, in a match which lasted for more than two hours.

Using his deadly breaking game, Bustamante actually dominated Reyes in the eliminations but lost his touch in the all-important encounter.

"Efren played very well, no question about it," said Bustamante.

It was Reyes, who flashed a solid breaking game, frustrating Bustamante's repeated comeback attempts.

Reyes and Bustamante said they will now concentrate on the Asiad.

"We'll be there fighting hard for the flag. Given the breaks, we can win the golds. Anything can happen in billiards," Reyes said.

Payumo thanked the four Masters for playing in this summer hideaway and investors' haven.

"SBMA would like to express its sincerest thanks to Bata, Django, Corey and Mika. This successful event will spur us to continue hosting world-class sporting events here," Payumo said.

Puyat described SBMA as a gracious host: "This is a very successful event and I'm sure our Masters will be very happy to come back."

Leviste to proceed to Asiad from Spain world equestrian

EQUESTRIENNE Toni Leviste cleared the first round of the World Equestrian Games 2002 currently being held in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain.

She was the 18th jumper among the 99 world's top riders in the competition.

There are two more qualifying jumps that Toni has to hurdle after which 25 jumpers will be chosen for the finals.

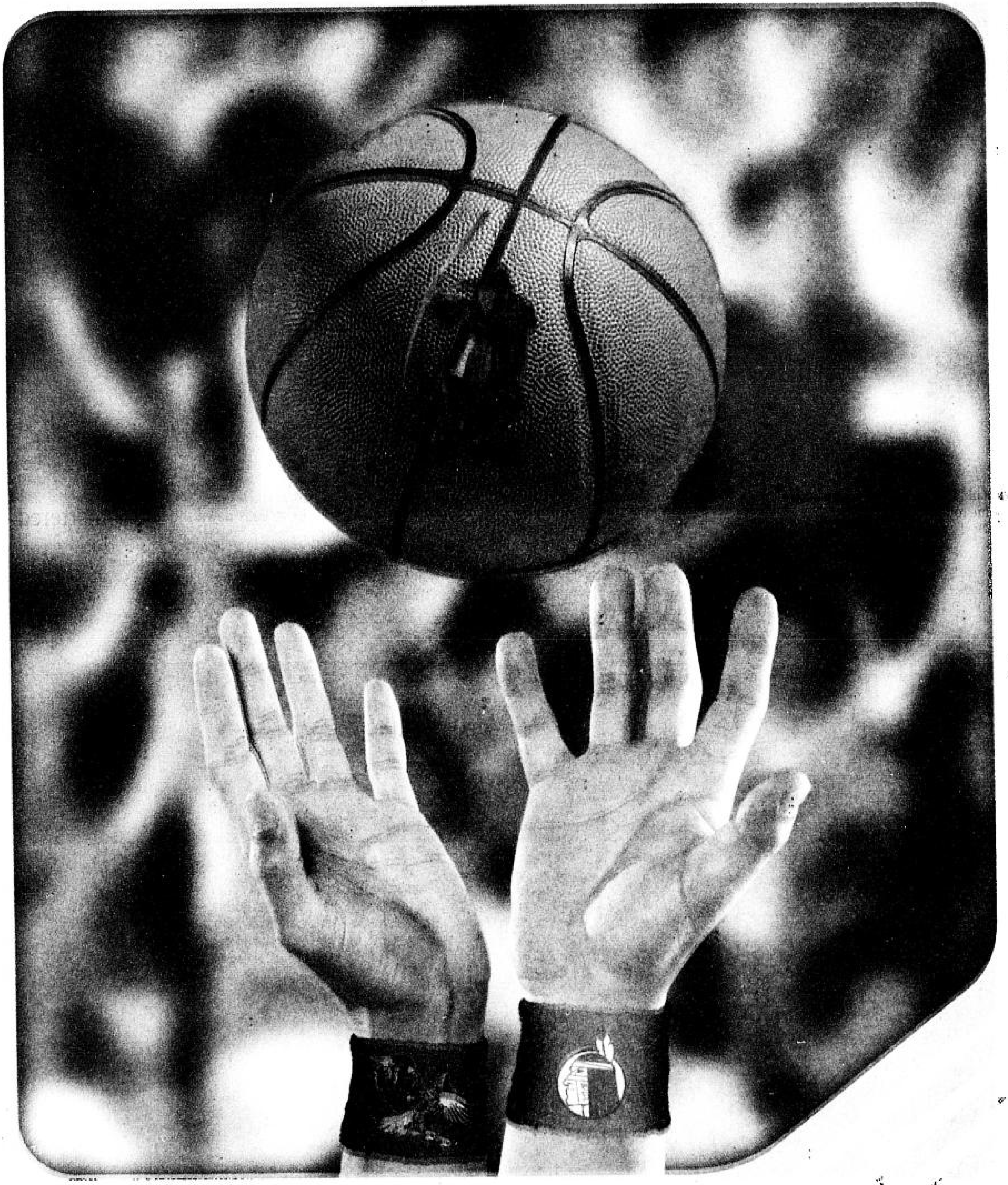
Leviste is the first Filipino and the only Southeast Asian to participate in the world competition.

From Spain, she will proceed to Busan, South Korea, to represent the Philippines in the 14th Asian Games from Sept. 28 to Oct. 14.

RPN 9 presents Fistorama

SAN Miguel Beer's Fistorama today will feature light-flyweights Roy Balataria from Liluan City and Jack Maldecer over RPN 9 at 12 noon. Ed Picson and Taby Tabaniag are the panelists in the show produced by Joe Cantada Sports.

Simply up for grabs.



Which team will take on the De La Salle Green Archers in the championship?
Get up to the minute updates as UE Red Warriors and ADMU Blue Eagles battle it out in the semi-finals.

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Vintage Guiao over an invader

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

IN the end, the Filipino prevailed.

In a classic battle of wits that has no equal in recent memory, Yeng Guiao outsmarted American Bill Bayno to reinforce a most overlooked local belief: Pinoys can match up to the world's best, Americans included.

In the just-concluded best-of-seven playoffs for the PBA Commissioner's Cup, Bayno's Talk N Text Phone Pals won Games 1, 3 and 5. Guiao's Thunder took home Games 2, 4 and 6.

Almost everybody thought Bayno would win Game 7, including the firm believers of the numbers game (Talk N Text seemed destined to win the odd-numbered games).

But as luck would have it--or was it fate?--Guiao broke the numbers sequence as his boys thundered with a master stroke after master stroke to win Game 7 running away.

What started as a close contest in Game 7 ended almost in a rout as Red Bull bulldozed its way to victory that stunned even the most ardent believers of the Phone Pals.

I also couldn't believe my eyes when Yeng Guiao's boys suddenly sped to an almost unreachable margin late in the fourth quarter.

It was obvious the Phone Pals had lost their last ounce of energy. To their credit, they tried hard to overhaul the deficit. But they were no match against the Thunder, whose energy electrified the crowd particularly when Jimwell Torion banged home that killer of a triple with just ticks left in the game.

It was a shot that, for all intents and purposes, stopped the Phone Pals cold on their tracks.

It was a shot that welded the Thunder back together after the Phone Pal appeared all set to regroup.

Yeng Guiao had the aptest description for all that homestretch drama of a Friday the 20th.

"Only players desiring to win can win a Game 7," said Guiao.

Vintage Guiao talking. He was, as always, humble enough as to say, albeit in a different manner, that he didn't coach his boys anymore. What his boys did was coach themselves to win Game 7.

Or words to that effect.

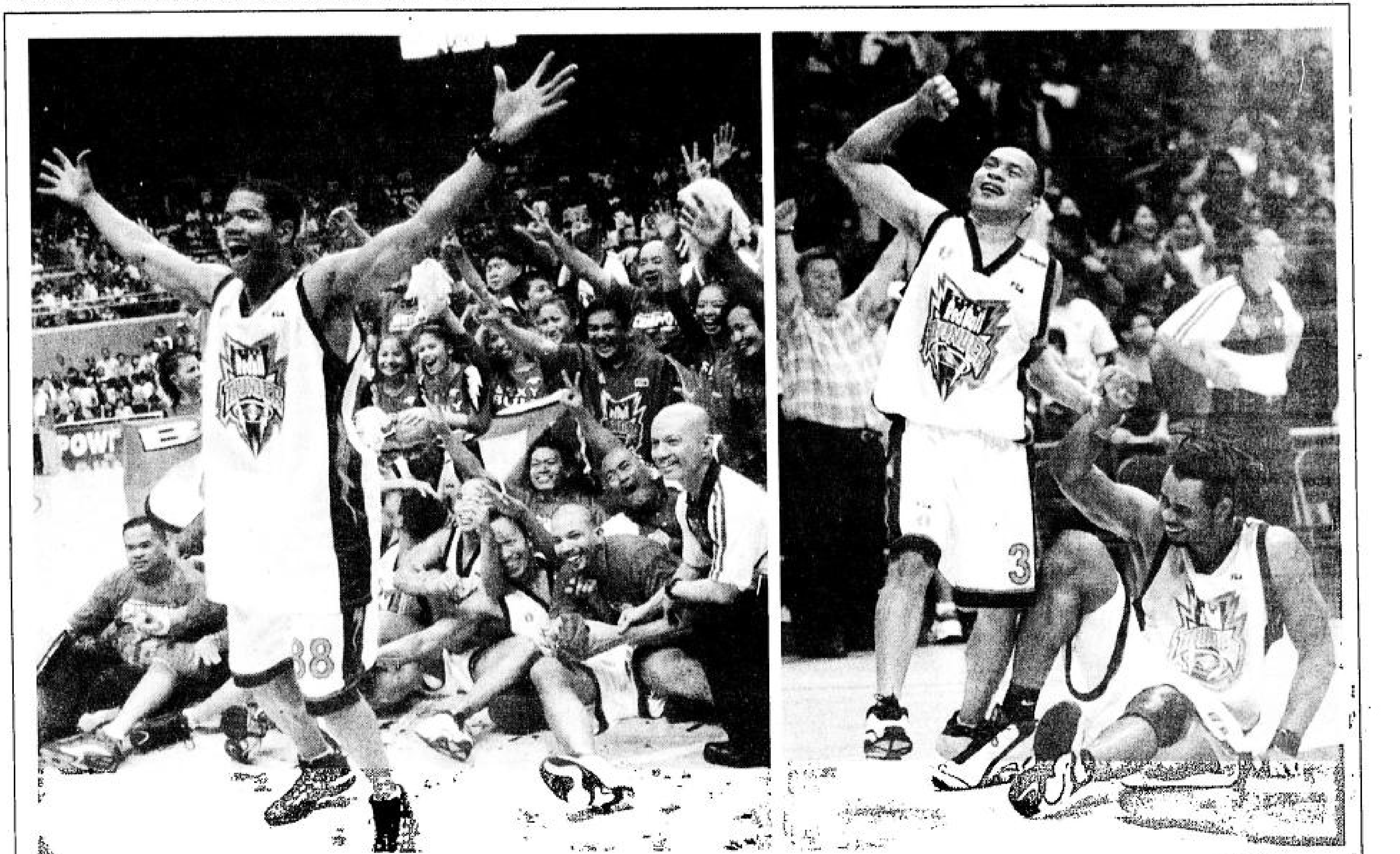
But the victory was still somewhat overshadowed by the repeated outburst of Bill Bayno prior to, and even during, the game.

Why the American coach of Talk N Text did what he did still puzzles me. Why management seemed to condone it boggles the mind all the more. The referee, Bayno's chief target of anger, should never ever be blamed for a team's defeat.

The referee can make mistakes, yes. But that happens because, like you and me, the referee is also human. But imagine a game without a referee. What would we have?

A game played by beasts.

Bayno seems to prefer that. Otherwise, he would have stopped complaining after incurring that record fine of P200,000 only a while back.



CELEBRATION! Batang Red Bull players, led by Sean Lampley (with arms spreadeagled) and fans whoop it up after winning Game 7, 67-60, over Talk N Text to retain the PBA Commissioner's Cup Friday night at the Big Dome. Coach Yeng Guiao (extreme right, left photo) is all smiles like team manager Tony Chua (arms raised, right photo) as Jimwell Torion tries to help Julius Nwosu (exteme right) to his feet.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

HOW RED BULL DID IT

Only players can win a Game 7–Guiao

By June Navarro

BATANG Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao summed up his team's victory over Talk N Text as the Thunder's desire to retain the PBA Commissioner's Cup.

"It's not about a personal battle between coaches. It's about the desire of two teams. One to retain the title and the other to win its first," said Guiao after their 67-60 Game 7 victory over the Phone Pals Friday night.

But more than desire, it was the Thunder's on-court problems during the best-of-seven Finals series that motivated them to overcome tough odds.

Their decision to replace 2001 Commissioner's Cup Best Import Tony Lang with the less-talented Sean Lampley in mid-stream of the Finals almost hampered Red Bull's title-retention mission.

"We had a very difficult decision to make but I guess the whole team decided that whether we had Tony Lang or Sean Lampley, we were determined to win the championship," said Guiao.

The Thunder thus became the fourth team since the best-of-seven Finals began 20 years ago which stormed back from a 2-3 deficit and won the title.

The now-defunct Presto Tivoli did the trick against Purefoods in the 1990 All-Filipino Cup while Alaska victimized San Miguel Beer twice (1995 Governor's and 1998 All-Filipino Cups).

Shell did it to Talk N Text, then Mobiline, in the 1998 Governor's Cup before the Phone Pals suffered the same fate again at the expense of the Thunder the other night.

"If a series ended in a Game 7, it is not about coaching anymore, it's about the guys playing their hearts out," said Guiao, who had his first Game 7 in six championship appearances.

Aside from scoring his fourth coaching title, Guiao became only the third team coach to win at least two championships with different teams.

He now joined the ranks of legendary coach Baby Dalupan, who won nine titles for Crispa and five for Great Taste, and Tommy Manotoc (Utex 2, Crispa 3).

Guiao had two titles with Swift and two for Red Bull, which is now one of the fastest teams ever to win two crowns despite seeing action in only eight conferences in the league.

Sean Lampley proved to be a worthy replacement for Lang while Julius Nwosu stepped up as the Thunder's leader but it was co-Finals MVP Davonn Harp and Jimwell Torion who displayed the hearts of a champion.

Torion drained a crucial trey and picked up a couple of loose balls down the stretch while Harp hounded Jerald Honeycutt all night long that abruptly shut down the Phone Pals' offensive artillery.

"I take my hat off to the boys. Despite all the difficulties, their championship experience pulled us through," said Guiao, who summed up their championship victory as the Thunder's desire to retain the crown.

> Whether we had Lang or Lampley, it didn't matter. What mattered was we wanted to win–coach Yeng Guiao

BIG DOME THRILLER

Ateneo, UE battle for UAAP final slot

VILLANUEVA: Will do it alone in the absence of Tadeo.

FILE PHOTO

GAMES TODAY *(Araneta Coliseum)*
12 noon–Ateneo vs Adamson (Jrs)
2 p.m.–UP vs UST (Jrs)
4 p.m.–Ateneo vs UE (Srs)
6 p.m.–Selecta-RP vs Qatar

By Dennis U. Eroa

RESURGENT Ateneo and University of the East clash today in a winner-take-all match for the right to meet defending champion La Salle in the UAAP basketball championship series at Araneta Coliseum.

THE SELECTA-RP team goes into the final phase of its buildup for the Asian Games when it takes on Qatar in a pair of tune-up games beginning today at the Araneta Coliseum.

Today's encounter,however, will be held amid an athmosphere of animosity fanned by the decision of the UAAP board to suspend Eagle Sonny Tadeo and UE guard Arnold Booker for one game apiece.

The University of the Philippines' Kiko Diaz, head of the UAAP board, and UAAP president Sonny Paguia made the announcement yesterday to sportswriters covering the cheering competitions won by the University of Santo Tomas at the Araneta Coliseum.

The suspension of Booker did not come as a surprise among the league's jaded observers.

This season, Booker recieved a stern warning from the technical committee for rough plays during a game versus La Salle, a move which resulted to a one-game suspension against Booker levelled by the UE management itself.

But Tadeo, a first-time offender, is a different case.

He was suspended for a hard foul made on a driving Paul Artadi during the UE-Ateneo game last Thursday.

Artadi, who made the layup, escaped with a suspension when he hit Tadeo's nape by way of retaliation.

Tadeo confronted Artadi but did not throw a punch.

"It should be pointed out that the referees are letting the players play," said A[illegible]o coach Joel Banal. "UE beat us twice in the elims. Now we want to even up matters with the Warriors."

Tadeo's suspension will hurt Ateneo since the 6-foot-4 Tadeo has been doing a remarkable job relieving Enrico Villanueva.

During Ateneo's 84-78 victory on Thursday which forced today's decider, Tadeo played for 18 minutes, scoring six points and grabbing four rebounds.

With his suspension, Banal may be forced to field former junior standout JR Elmido in order to rest Villanueva, who is struggling in the face of the swarming defense being thrown at him.

LA Tenorio (17 pts, 5 assists) made a wonderful comeback after a right hand injury. Surely, his match-up with the emotional Artadi today will be a joy to watch.

Wesley Gonzales, Larry Fonacier, Jec Chia and Andrew Cruz can supply the firepower, while veteran pointguard Cris Quimpo is a stabilizing force for Ateneo.

UE outrebounded Ateneo, 42-31, and the 6-foot-5 Villanueva (3 rebounds, 10 points) must reassert his supremacy in the shaded lane against the likes of Jay-Ar Estrada (14 pts, 10 rebs), Nino Canaleta and Ronald Tubid (12 pts, 7 rebs) to lift Ateneo.

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UEFA Champions League at 12:30 p.m. on ESPN

With SSC victory, Turo delays retirement

By Marc Anthony Reyes

TURO Valenzona, an accomplished basketball coach both in the professional and collegiate leagues, is in the crossroad of his career. One way leads to retirement, the other to stay afloat.

"My kids want me to retire from coaching but I really don't have much to do in the house," said the 60-year-old Valenzona, who also played for U-Tex in the PBA back in the '70s.

Valenzona actually had tried to quit late in the '90s after giving San Sebastian its third straight title (Bay Cristobal replaced him and won the last two of the five consecutive SSC crowns (1993-1997).

"I realized that my life is really in the basketball hardcourt so I guess I'm going to stay awhile," said Valenzona, who has so far strung up two consecutive championships for the Stag since coming back.

His last achievement proved to be very meaningful for him because it came at the expense of the Stags' fast-rising rival, the College of St. Benilde, which beat them in the 2000 final.

With traditional big-shots like the Letran Knights and the San Beda Red Lions currently in a rut, the Blazers are proving to be the only threat to the Stags.

"They have a strong offensive game," said Valenzona of the Blazers whose main man Sundae Salvacion, who was the league's MVP.

"But there's nothing that sheer hard work can't do," he said.

He failed to mention that the Stags also have their own resident gunner in Leomar Najorda who won the most improved player award aside from making it to the mythical five.

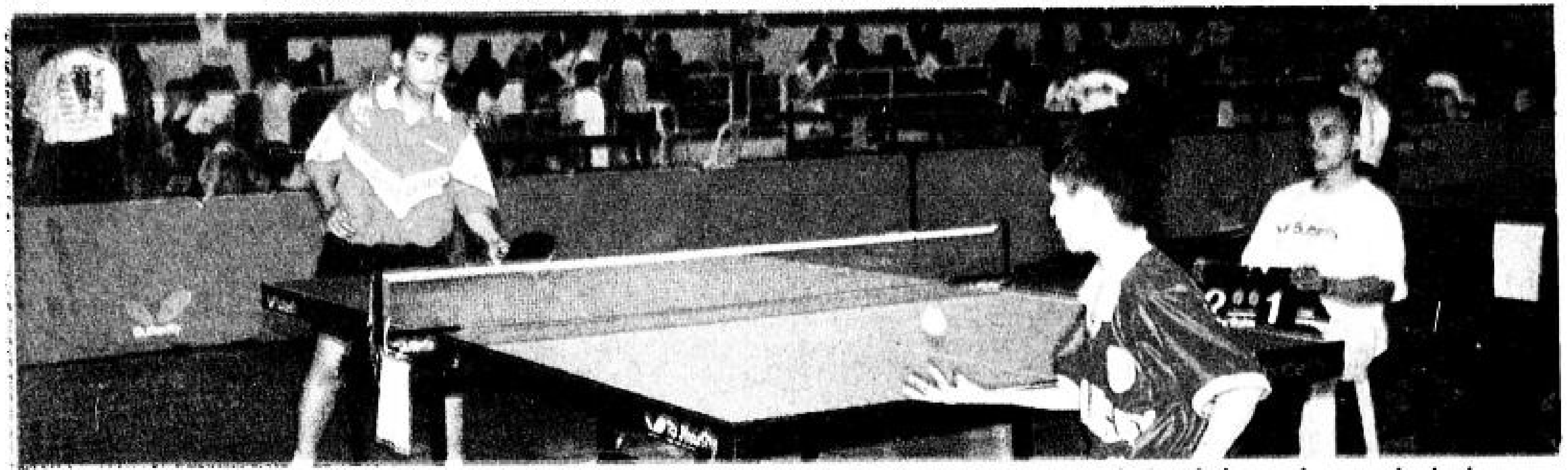
But the most telling advantage San Sebastian had in the best-of-three finals is its championship composure that managed to control the Blazers' fast-paced and highly organized game plan.

Christian Coronel, Pep Moore, Nurjamjam Alfad and Najorda displayed that flair in the midst of the Blazers' rah-rah attitude which was shaped by former national team coach Dong Vergeire.

"It maybe too early to tell if we can sustain this winning run this time" said Valenzona, who has three PBA titles under his belt while calling the shots for Tanduay in the '80s. "But as I said, nothing is impossible if we really work hard for it."

BLAST FROM THE PAST

TODAY in 1991, Roger Antonio shot a 72 to post a 3-stroke victory over Danny Zarate in the Zamboanga Open. Also today in 1993, Mike Potenciano clocked 1 minute, 31.45 seconds to rule the Open division of the 1993 PMRA Rally Cross at the reclamation track



BENEDICTO Evangelista (right) of Quezon City prepares to serve against Aaron Morales of Angono during their match yesterday in the Butterfly national table tennis age-group championships at the Rizal Coliseum. Morales won, 3-0. BETOY JOHNSON

Olongapo's Oria, Cruz create ping pong ripples

By Marc Anthony Reyes

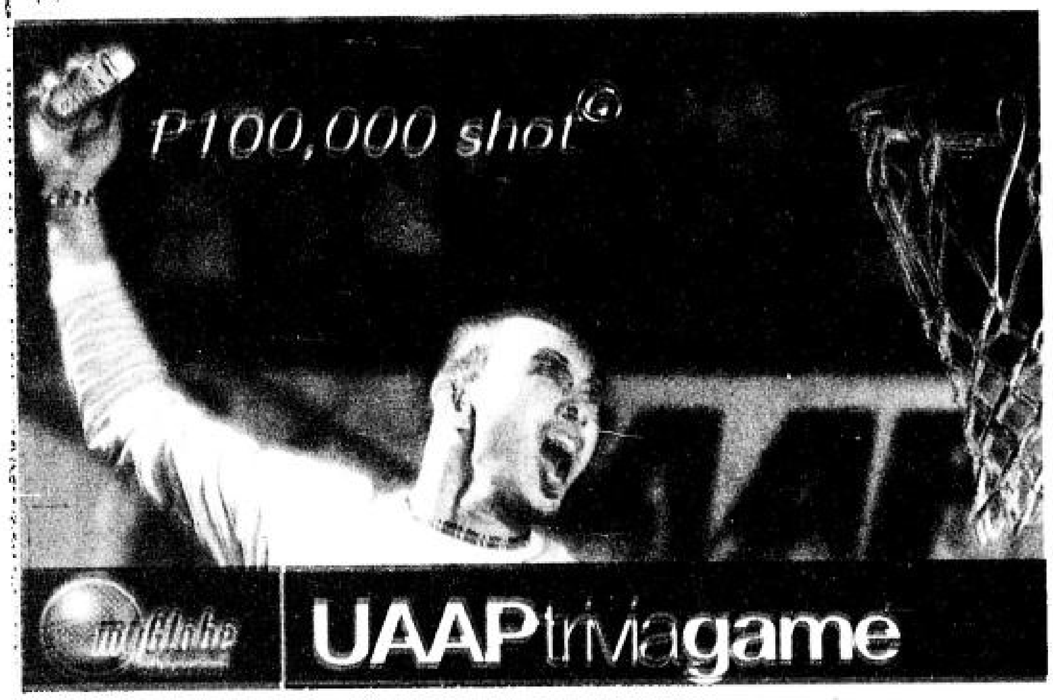
OLONGAPO'S Laeomar Oria and Keith Lhynne Cruz created a big stir yesterday after winning their respective divisions in the Butterfly National Age-group table tennis championships at the Rizal Coliseum.

Eight-year-old Oria, a member of the Olongapo Table Tennis Club, disposed of Adrian Rodolfo of the Quezon City Youth Development Office, 3-1, in the boys 10-and-under final.

Oria, who has been training under coach Jose Punzalan, is in Grade 2 at the Sta. Rita Elementary School in Olongapo CIty.

Earlier, Cruz, 9, routed Nicole Elizabeth Paras of Los Baños in straight sets to take the girls' 10-and-under title of the tourney sponsored by the Butterfly table tennis equipment.

The event, organized by the Table Tennis Association of the Philippines headed by Vic Valbuena, used world-class Butterfly equipment exclusively distributed in the country by Sonia Trading of Makati.



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France, Russia near Cup finals

PARIS—Holders France and Russia both took huge strides towards a Davis Cup final showdown after they dominated the opening day of their semi-finals on Friday.

In Paris, Arnaud Clement and Sebastien Grosjean put France firmly in the driving seat against the United States on the slow, red clay of Roland Garros with wins over Andy Roddick and James Blake.

Meanwhile, indoors on the carpet surface of Moscow's Luzhniki Sports Palace, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin gave Russia a commanding 2-0 advantage against Argentina. *AFP*

Davao netters shine

DAVAO City's Ralph Barte and Xavier's Josua Tan Ho scored easy wins yesterday to lead the first-round winners in the boys' 14-under division of the Cargohaus Junior Tennis Cup at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

Barte, seeking his ninth title this year, defeated Jeffrey Calcita, 6-2, 6-0, to advance against Gian Paolo Aguila, a 6-2, 7-6 (4) winner over Tomic Apacible.

Tiger doing an exhibition

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

THOMASTOWN, Ireland—For someone who thinks a World Golf Championship is more meaningful than the Ryder Cup, Tiger Woods is sure making this look like an exhibition.

Woods took another step toward the $1 million payoff with his second straight 7-under 65 on Friday, giving him a two-stroke lead over Jerry Kelly heading into the weekend at the American Express Championship.

Mount Juliet was a pushover again in cool, relatively calm conditions. Or maybe Woods is just making it look that way.

He hasn't made a bogey in 36 holes, finished his two rounds at 14-under 130 and then gave the elite, 64-man field something else to consider.

"Can I play better? Yes," he said.

Kelly, who grew up in Wisconsin but has Irish in his blood, is making his first trip to the Emerald Isle a memorable one. He had a 65 that put him at 12-under 132 and in the final group with Woods for the first time since The Players Championship last year.

An inexperienced Kelly held his own that day, despite a 73 that left him in a tie for fourth.

Bandera banners winners

RAUL Bandera took advantage of the perfect playing conditions to clinch low medal honors and the Class A crown with an eight-over-par 80 in yesterday's monthly tournament of the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

Bandera collected 12 pars at the composite Aoki and Dye courses of the sprawling Eagle complex to win by one over Korean expatriate Li Seok Ho in the 18-hole tourney sponsored by Wilson Sports Philippines through its general manager Junjun Plana.

Gerry Sy came a stroke close to matching Bandera's winning effort in snatching the Class B plum with an 81.

The other winners were Rosanno Torres in Class C, Edgardo Endrino in Class D and Arlette Dizon in the ladies division.

Wilson products were given away to tournament and raffle winners, including the newest Wilson Deep Red driver which was also put on display as part of the ongoing Demo Tour for the club.

Torres was virtually unchallenged in his division with his 84, five strokes better than the 89 of Cesar Baytan and six up on Baytan.

Guam trip at stake in golf

AN ALL-EXPENSE paid trip to Guam and a bonanza of golf equipment will be at stake during the second Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines Invitational golf tournament on Oct. 1 at Wack Wack.

Continental Airlines is providing the round-trip ticket while the Guam Visitors Bureau is taking care of the accommodations for the main raffle prize of the 18-hole event serving as an appetizer to the seventh Philippine International Golf Show.

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UM registers rare double celebration

THREE-time national inter-collegiate champion University of Manila completed a rare double celebration by winning the titles in both the collegiate and high school divisions in the 2002 National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (NAASCU) basketball tournament at the Makati Coliseum.

Led by rookie Bobby Gutierrez and handled by coach Loreto Tolentino, the Hawks hammered out an impressive 108-89 win over University of Makati in their winner-take-all match to retain the title in the newly-formed league for the second straight year.

And the Hawklets of former Welcoat Paints player Eugene Tan overpowered last year's runner-up St. Clare College of Caloocan, 98-89, to capture the title in the junior division with another sweep.

"This is really a big day for UM. Winning both title is a major achievement for us," said UM team manager Atty. Ernesto de los Santos.

The title sweep also enabled the Hawks to earn the right to represent NAASCU in the Joe Lipa-organized Colleges and Universities Basketball Challenge Cup (CUBCC) "Battle of Champions" scheduled in November.

Negros soccer champ

BACOLOD CITY—Host Negros Occidental shocked highly rated NCR-Philippine Air Force, 2-1, to bag the 2002 national men's football crown Friday at the Pana-ad Stadium here.

Raymart Palmes scored the winning goal in the 81st minute when his header slipped through the hands of Edmundo Mercado, a Negros native and national team goalkeeper.

A header by Yanti Bersales in the 32nd minute gave the Metro Manilans a 1-0 halftime edge. But Richard Canedo knocked in a booming shot from 20 yards in the 56th minute to tie the count and got the hometown fans jumping up and down their seats.

Women sports gab up

FOR the first time, Filipino women involved in sports development and promotion will converge and have the chance to discuss relevant issues and concerns confronting them at the 1st Philippine Congress on Women and Sports slated Nov. 21-24, 2002 at the spanking-new Tagaytay International Convention Center (TICC) in Tagaytay City.

Sports Commissioner Cynthia L. Carrion is the convenor of the four-day conclave, which has for its theme "Converging the Divergence of Philippine Sports Issues, Actions and Initiatives." The Congress, highlight of the Philippine Sports Commission's Gender and Development program this year, is expected to draw at least 500 female and male participants from the various sports disciplines.

"The inaugural Congress on Women and Sports is envisioned to be the main forum for discussing and addressing issues and concerns relating to gender equity and the needs of female athletes and leadership, as well as the role of women in sport," stressed Carrion.

Interested parties may call the Congress Secretariat at tel. nos. 303-1024 and 303-1030 or e-mail psc_womensports@yahoo.com for further details.

Dual meet

GAMES TODAY
(Pasig Sports Center)
2 p.m.–Casino vs John-O
4 p.m.–Hapee vs Blu
(Both games will be aired live over NBN-4)

TWO PBL teams battle two Cebu squads today in the Philippine Basketball League-Cebu Basketball Federation (PBL-CBF) Dual Meet at the Pasig Sports Center.

John-O meets Casino Rubbing Alcohol at 2 p.m. while Blu battles Hapee at 4 p.m.

The winners of the two games will forge a sudden death for the crown while the losers dispute third place.

'Rose' heads race field

UNBEATEN filly Rose of Victory aims to to score her first stakes win when she leads a stellar cast of foreign-bred chargers in the Early Hours Stakes Race, part of the 2002 Philracom-PRCI Imported Stakes Series today at the Santa Ana Park.

After posting runaway victories in her first two starts, the three-year-old bay galloper by champion US miler Honour & Glory out of Monterey Belle will test her mettle against other imported runners over a distance of 1,500 meters. Post time for today's first race is 1:30 p.m.

US-bred filly Sunny Puddles (Thunder Puddles-Sunny Barbie) leads the challengers.

Also in strong contention for the P450,000 guaranteed event are Jade Louise and Triregal, as well as Bye Bye Baby, Rosekaape, Strawberry Hope, Exotic Shades, Grannykan and Here's to Bubbles.

Mica's Pride

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

A READER from Parañaque City sent us a very interesting and timely letter about racing at San Lazaro and Santa Ana. Read on.

Dear Edwin,

I wanted to write you about the sorry state of horseracing in our country ever since I came from the United States three months ago for a vacation. I tried to defer communicating with you until such time that I can talk to most of my racing buddies who are also racing aficionados and get answers from them.

But when I read your Sunday article about the inquiry on Race 3 recently at MJC, where Search for Gold was declared the winner, I am not having second thoughts anymore in writing you about my disappointment regarding the races in the Philippines . . . particularly at the Manila Jockey Club.

I give the Stewards the benefit of the doubt on their decision not to disqualify the horse, but I can't understand why there was no public explanation on what really happened, and why they have come to that decision.

To begin with, I am sure you are aware that MJC, from 1960 up to the late eighties, used to be the premier racing club in Manila. In fact, because of the so-called "Pitong Gatang" terror at Santa Ana in those days, the best horses always raced at MJC. I was surprised to find out that what was once the number one racing club in the Philippines, is now playing second fiddle to Philippine Racing Club in many aspects. PRC is not without criticism either, but because they were down for so long, it is public knowledge that they are trying their best to make reforms particularly on areas where they have control. To prove my point, here's six of my own version of Letterman's worst "Top Ten List" about the racing at MJC: *(To be continued tomorrow)*

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Mica's Magic here, Mica's Pride in Australia.

Sandy Javier's galloper, also named after his daughter Mica, scored Down Under recently when the filly won a Handicap race in Sydney.

Mica's Pride is by the stallion Bite the Bullet, whom Sandy co-owns, out of the broodmare Gainesville.

One of Sandy's popular runners here is the filly Mica's Magic (Lioubovnik-Sharika)

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Race 3–1. Golden Ballet 2. Fast Eddie 3. The Fox 4. Legend of Gala 5. Buena Sera
Race 4–1. Never Enough 2. secret Lover 3. King Rick 4. Jigolo 5. Coolmore
Race 5–1. Hello Peter 2. Ikaw 3. Dragon Doding
Race 6–1. Golden Cat 2. Puppy Dog Tail 3. Centra 4. Simple Doding 5. Joshua Tree
Race 7–1. Big Treasure 2. Maximo 3. Dancing Klara 4. Red Fury 5. Roman Leader
Race 8–1. Rose of Victory 2. Bye Bye Baby 3. Jade Louise 4. Sunny Contender 5. Triregal
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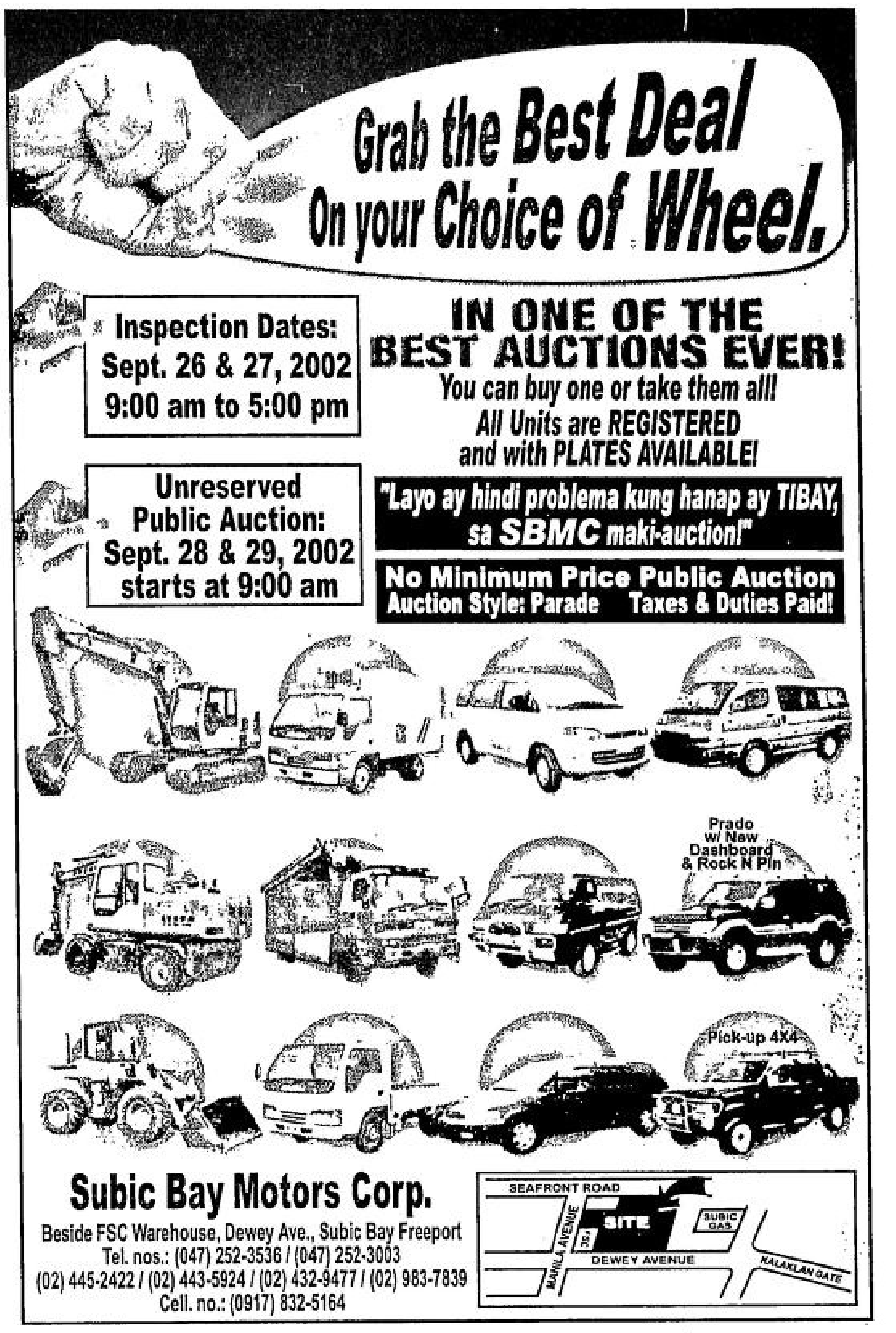

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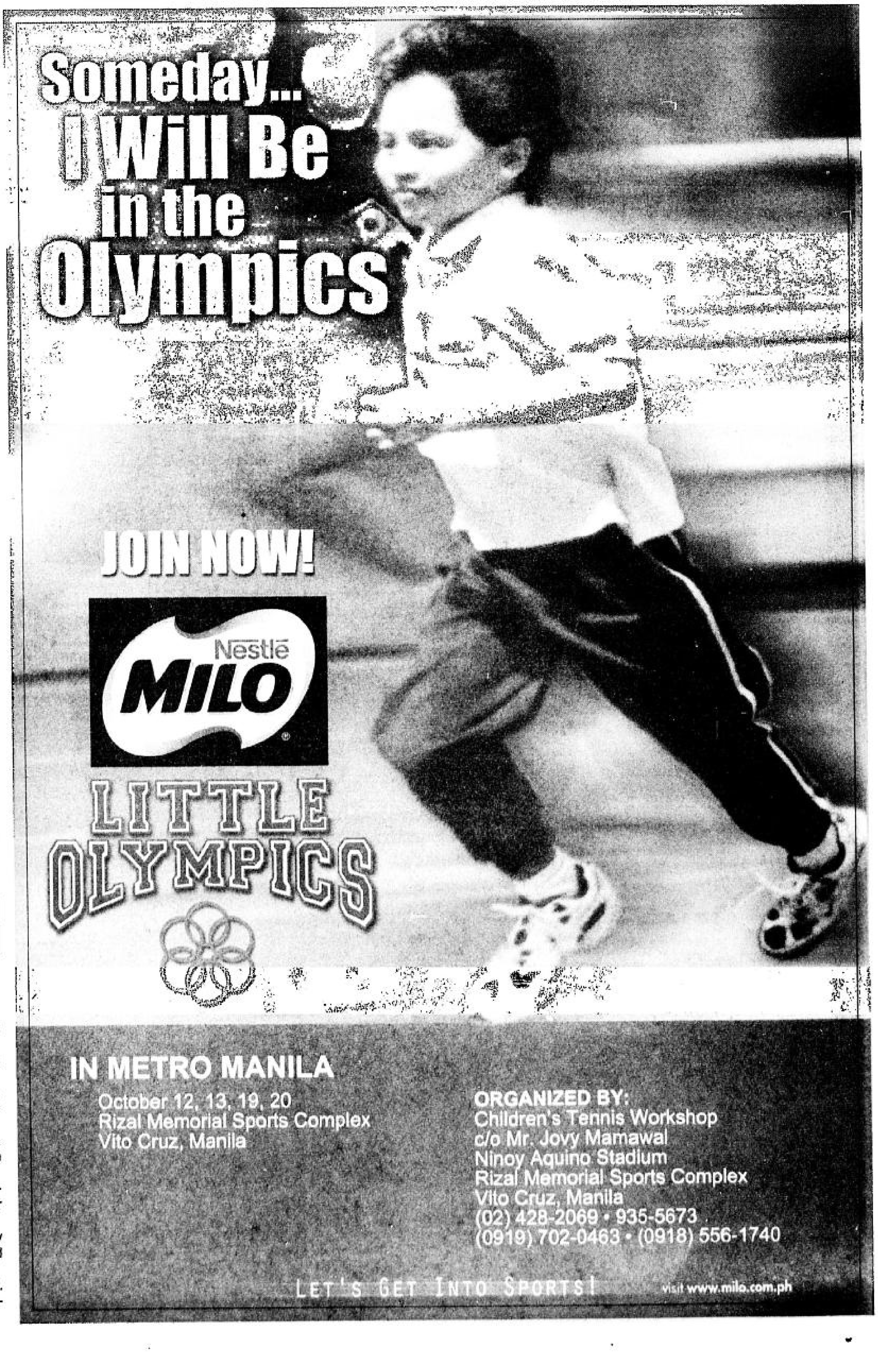

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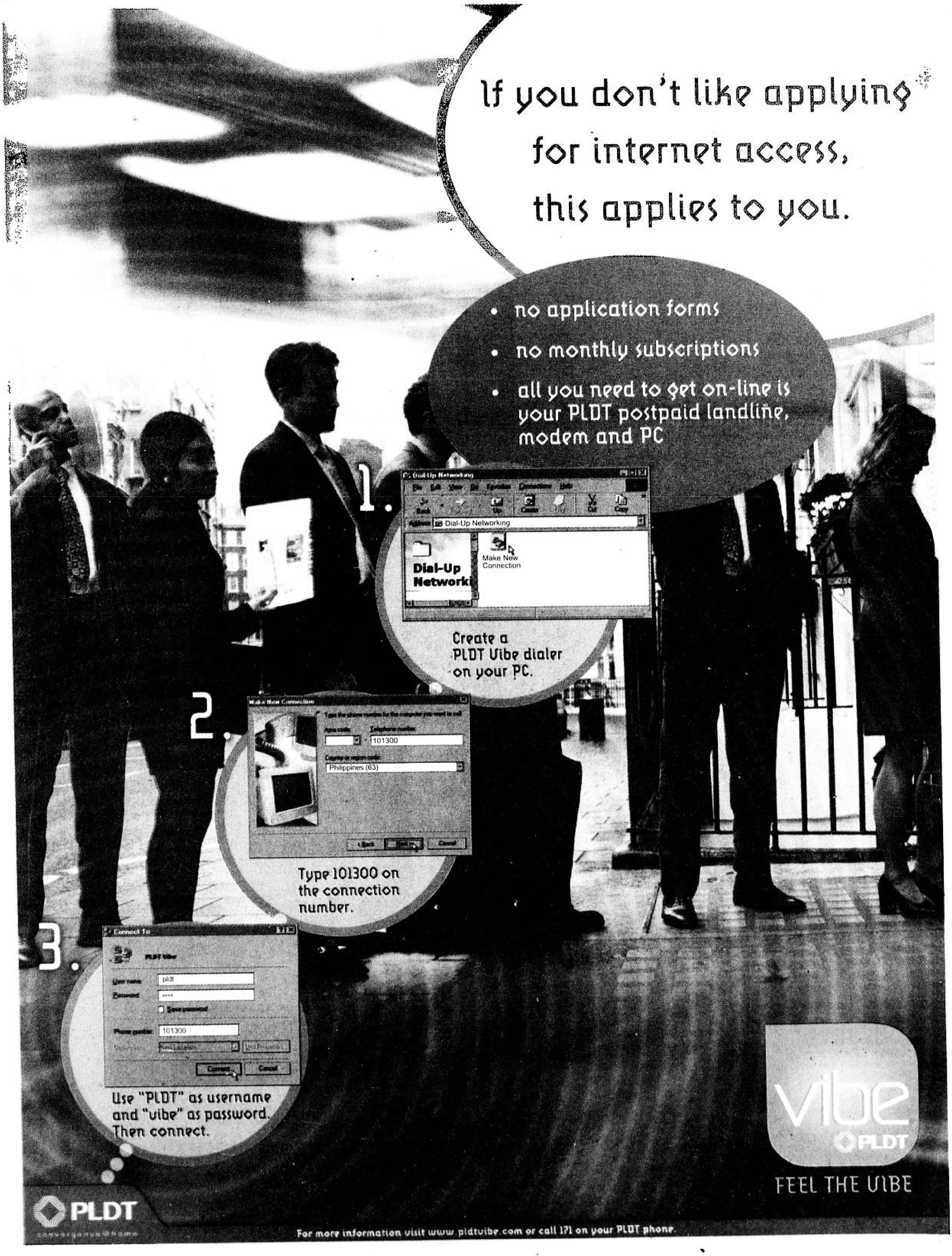

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METRO

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MEN AND WOMAN together as members of the 1926 board of directors of the Centro de Puericulture de Zamboanga.

The rise and fall, and rise, of puericulture centers

By Leonarda N. Camacho
Contributor

THE STORY of women's clubs in the country is also the story of puericulture centers.

It was the first secretary of health (then called commissioner), Dr. Jose F. Fabella, who enlisted club women to help him organize puericulture centers all over the country and also help raise funds for the support of the centers.

The first actual center to serve babies and mothers was set up in 1905 by a group of women led by Concepcion Felix, wife of Felipe Calderon, author of the Malolos Constitution. The women called the center La Gota de Leche. They collected milk from mothers and gave it to other mothers who didn't have breast milk.

DR. JOSE Fabella

The center, still called La Gota de Leche, still exists on Lepanto Street in Sampaloc, Manila.

In 1911 when the Hospicio de San Jose was organized to house orphans, babies were cared for, too. Another

THE RISE/A26

Kidnapped teener released

By Leila B. Salaverria

A FILIPINO-CHINESE 17-year-old kidnapped on Thursday along with his twin brother in Parañaque City was released in Pasay City on Friday night, police said.

However, the freed boy's twin is believed to be still in the clutches of the kidnappers.

Tai was set free about 8:30 p.m. at the parking lot of the Manila Film Center inside the CCP complex in Pasay, said the Pasay interim police chief, Senior Supt. Oscar Catalan.

Tai was blindfolded although his hands were not tied when the kidnappers left him, said Catalan. A Film Center security guard saw Tai and brought him to the Police Community Precinct 1 of Pasay, where the boy was fetched by his family.

Catalan said the kidnappers apparently informed the boy's family that he had been released. The family asked police not to interrogate Tai at once, he added.

"The family requested us to give Welvin time to recover," Catalan said in a phone interview yesterday.

He said that while the 17-year-old had no physical injuries, Tai appeared to be traumatized by the experience.

Asked whether ransom was paid, Catalan said he did not know.

He said police were looking for witnesses who could have seen the vehicle that brought Tai to Pasay.

Welvin and his twin brother Ason were reportedly kidnapped on Sept. 18 on Coastal Road in Parañaque while on their way to Chiang Kai Shek College in Binondo, Manila. The boys are reportedly sons of a zipper factory owner.

Reports said the twins, along with their driver Cerilo Co, were abducted by armed men who blocked their vehicle's path. The kidnappers reportedly left Co in Lemery, Batangas.

It was also reported that when he went to the police, Co called up the Tai home and was told the twins were already home.

Need help? Dial 136

By Leila B. Salaverria

STARTING this week, lost tourists and pedestrians who want to ask for directions or motorists who have complaints to the Metro Manila Development Authority will only have to remember three digits: 136.

The MMDA is launching this week Call Metro 136. This will also enable the Metro Manila Council ordinance on towing to take effect, according to Traffic Operations Center Director Angelito Vergel de Dios.

"We finished installing the telephone lines on Sept. 17, but we are still checking the bugs in the system," Vergel de Dios said on Friday.

He said the MMDA would formally announce later when the number is ready to be called.

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando has said that tow truck operators can call the number to report the description, offense and destination of vehicles they would tow. Owners of the towed vehicles could also call this number to confirm why and where their vehicles have been taken, and what the penalty is.

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Fatal punch for rob victim

JANITOR Lolito de Guzman, 36, of Sampaloc, Manila, yesterday morning never recovered from the punch in the throat he received from a man who stole his rubber shoes. He died yesterday morning while being treated at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Hospital, according to PO3 Joseph Madrid of the Central Police District. Madrid said the suspect, known only as Edwin, approached De Guzman who was waiting for a ride home a little after midnight at the corner of Araneta Avenue and E. Rodriguez Boulevard in Quezon City, eyed the janitor's pair of Reebok rubber shoes and casually asked De Guzman to turn them over. When De Guzman refused, Edwin started punching him and delivered a fatal blow to his throat, causing him to choke. When De Guzman fell, Edwin took off his shoes and fled, Madrid said.

Alcuin Papa

'Communist' shot

TO IMPRESS a bar girl, Bernard Ulid, 33, introduced himself as a member of the communist hit squad Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) inside the 5T Beerhouse in Grace Park, Caloocan City early yesterday morning. But a jittery Army man who was after the same girl believed his claim and shot Ulid outside the beerhouse at about 12:45 a.m., police said. Supt. Dionisio Borromeo of the Caloocan police said that when M/Sgt. Sergeant Jean de la Cruz, 48, surrendered, he told police he shot Ulid out of fear that the man was a real member of the ABB. Ulid, of 4th Avenue, Caloocan, is recovering at the Chinese General Hospital, Borromeo said.

Tina Santos

Hot bikes seized

NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation agents arrested two men in Marikina City for allegedly selling 173 smuggled motorcycles and scooters worth as much as P12 million. NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said the bureau's criminal investigation division checked out the Fast Gear Motor Center on E. Rodriguez Street in Sto. Niño, Marikina, and confirmed reports that the owner of the store has been illegally importing used motorcycles from Japan through the Subic Bay Freeport, and distributing them without the necessary permits. After obtaining a search and seizure warrant from Judge Alice Gutierrez of the Marikina regional trial court, the NBI agents raided Fast Gear on Sept. 9 and 10 and arrested store owner Samuel Ferriol Santos and manager Faustino Manlapig.

Jerome Aning

Held hostage by boyfriend

POLICEMEN rescued a guest relations officer from the clutches of her jealous boyfriend who took her hostage in Valenzuela City, Friday night. Police said Reginald Castardo, 25, of Gen. T. De Leon, Valenzuela, held a knife to the throat of his live-in partner, Maria Theresa Saren, 21, and reportedly told the lawmen that he would rather kill Saren than share her with another man. Police said Castardo had asked Saren to stop entertaining her customers in the club where she works, but she refused. During negotiations, members of the local Special Weapons and Tactics unit sneaked through the backdoor of the couple's house and subdued the suspect.

Tina Santos

Another 'salvage' victim

THE BODY of another suspected "salvage" victim was found in Quezon City on Friday, police said. The body was the sixth to be reported in the city in the past week. Police identified the latest victim only as Atan, who was about 25 years old and about 5-foot-4, and had a "Sputnik" tattoo on his back. PO2 Florencio Escobido of the Central Police District said the body was discovered at 12:45 p.m. near the Mosque Camp Site in Barangay Payatas A. There were two gunshot wounds in the man's head, police said. Residents told police that they had heard three successive shots. Escobido said investigators found a plastic sachet allegedly containing shabu from the body.

Alcuin Papa

Open up, Fernando appeals

By Leila B. Salaverria

TAKE the initiative and voluntarily open your gates and let the public use your roads.

Metro Manila Development Authority Chair Bayani Fernando made this appeal to residents of private subdivisions, many of whom have opposed his plan to make subdivision roads available to the public.

Fernando said subdivision leaders should meet among themselves and discuss how they could connect their roads in order to form new roads that could serve as alternatives, and to choose which roads, when opened, would be most beneficial to motorists.

"This is a general appeal to the people," Fernando said.

Barangay Forbes Park Chair Jose Concepcion earlier urged Fernando to hold a dialogue with subdivisions residents first.

"There are too many private subdivisions," Fernando said. "If I hold a dialogue with all of them, I'll never see the end of it."

He said that if some private subdivisions refuse to let the public in, the MMDA would force the opening of their gates.

"*Kung kailangang kailangan, pupuwersahin natin 'yan* (If really needed, we will force open the gates)," he said.

He also dismissed the threat of sidwalk vendors that the President, would bear the brunt of their ire against Fernando in the next election. He said the vendors might have misread the public.

"They have read the public wrong," he said. "Maybe they think the people are supportive of their being on the sidewalk. But even the poor suffer when they block the sidewalks and contribute to traffic congestion."

The rise and fall, and rise, of...

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organization, Liga Nacional Filipina, was seriously working on the reduction of infant mortality which was 350 deaths for every 1,000 babies born.

In 1913, lawmakers joined the campaign to reduce infant mortality. Dr. Jesus Gavieres in 1913 organized the first formal puericulture center (pueri means child and culture means care of). Congress appropriated P7,000 for the first puericulture center.

In 1914, Congress appropriated P3,000 for the purchase of tiki-tiki extract to fight beri-beri, which was common among mothers.

On Feb. 23, 1916, Congress approved Act No. 2633 which appropriated P1 million to set up milk stations in Palawan, Mindoro, Batangas and Sulu and special provinces in Luzon.

In 1917, the Osmeña (Sergio) Bill, Act No. 2633, directed health officials to organize puericulture centers all over the country. By December, 21 puericulture centers had been set up in the provinces.

In 1921, the Public Welfare Commission was tasked to supervise and organize puericulture centers all over the country. The first commissioner was Dr. Jose Fabella.

It was mandated that all centers should have a doctor, a nurse, a midwife and a social worker, all to be paid by the government.

Because there was a lack of doctors and nurses, Fabella set up a midwifery school, now called the Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital, located in Sampaloc.

Between 1921 and 1926, Fabella mobilized members of the National Federation of Women's Clubs of the Philippines and put in place 329 puericulture centers in the country.

In 1933, the Public Welfare Commission became the Bureau of Health.

On Feb. 25, 1961, a spunky clubwoman, Paz Mendoza Catolico of the National Federation of Women's clubs of the Philippines, with the support of then President Carlos Garcia, organized the National League of Puericulture and Family Planning Centers at a national convention in San Sebastian College in Manila.

At that time, family planning was taboo, but Catolico had the moral courage, with the support of noted pediatrician Dr. Fe del Mundo, to inform the Filipino mothers of their right to decide whether to have a baby or not.

Today, 42 years later, family planning is here to stay.

After 1961, the World Health Organization, the Unicef, the Philippines Charity Sweepstakes Office and provincial governors funded the construction of puericulture center buildings.

When President Ferdinand Marcos created the Metro Manila Commission with Imelda Marcos as governor, all the puericulture centers in Metro Manila were administered by the MMC.

By 1978, Catolico, as president of the National League of Family Planning and Puericulture Centers, had organized 835 puericultures centers.

After Catolico died in 1980, the mantel of the league presidency was passed on to Inday Melencio , the present president.

Today, the puericulture centers and the women who used to run them are surviving, but barely.

Politicians took advantage of the disarray after the Edsa revolution. Some just took over the buildings and supervision of the puericulture centers. Some mayors removed the name puericulture center on billboards and replaced them with day-care and health centers.

Some mayors had the gall the demolish the old building and built new ones, totally obliterated the puericulture center.

But as the saying goes, the good never die.

Today, there are 380 active puericulture centers all over the country, including 80 in Rizal and Metro Manila.

(The author is chair of the Metro Manila Council of Women Balikatan Move)

Need help? Dial 136

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ing a vehicle and the pertinent information would be recorded in a logbook. This is required in order to rein in fly-by-night tow truck operators, the MMDA chair has explained.

136 can be reached 24 hours a day, according to the MMDA. It will provide callers with information they need about Metro Manila.

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Texters can also reach the number, said Vergel de Dios. Smart users simply have to dial 136. Globe and others have to dial 02 before the number.

The MMDA's no-left-turn policy was implemented starting Friday along Marcos Highway in front of the Sta. Lucia Mall.

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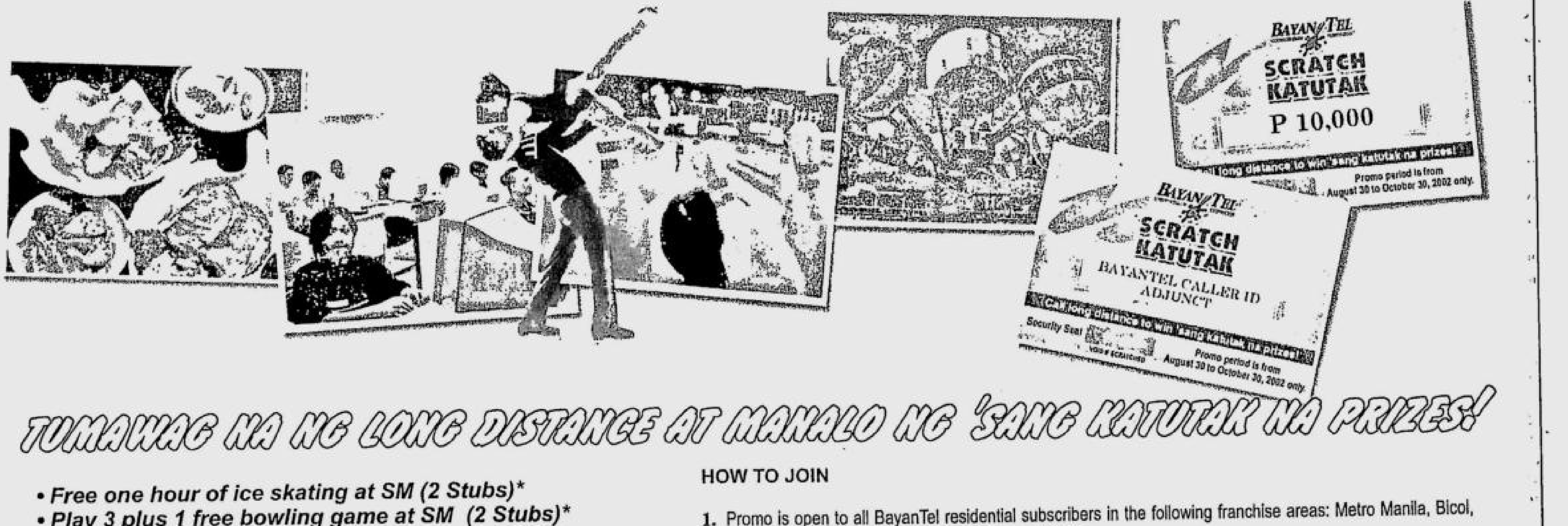
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‘REIGN OF FIRE’

The dragons rock!

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

DRAGONS have always fascinated me. They're very striking reptilian bogey-men often depicted as being slain by knights or saints, and they are a symbol of power and good fortune, depending on the origins of the folklore.

The multi-headed Tiamat from the "Dungeons and Dragons" cartoons looked very menacing despite being two-dimensional. The more mature artwork for the role-playing game of the same name presented blazing painted wings of royal, winged behemoths of every dominion and allegiance.

I remember repeatedly watching a rented beta tape of the animated film "Flight of Dragons" almost two decades ago. I was a geeky kid and some of my favorite monsters are dragons: They just rocked.

I would find out years later that dragons were concocted by wild imaginations several centuries ago, when people discovered enormous dinosaur fossils. Their mysterious remains inspired fantastic tales about lizard-like creatures that breathed fire and guarded treasure troves.

Smart adventure

In a Darwinian war for supremacy, the dragons in "Reign of Fire" are revealed as the real culprits behind obliteration of the dinosaurs. When they ran out of dino meat, many of these dragons starved. But the species survived, hiding in hibernation until the planet re-populated itself with meals-in-the-making.

Written by Gregg Chabot, Kevin Peterka and Matt Greenberg, the story is a smart post-apocalyptic SF/fantasy adventure that attaches logic to these mythical beasts of old. Director Rob Bowman creates a fortified reality where these savage creatures really come alive. It's hard not to feel anxious about the remnant human community in that world when these dragons attack, because the build-up is suspenseful and the special effects are smashing.

Bowman knows what he's doing: He's worked on TV's sci-fi staples like "Star Trek:The Next Generation" and "Alien Nation," and also directed the "X-Files: Fight the Future" film in 1998.

"Reign of Fire" is also a dark movie, since Armageddon has already come to pass in the form of these ferocious dragons. The once-proud dominant inhabitants of the planet, human beings, are almost extinct.

Awesome result

Okay, so we see dozens of European men, women and children tripping over themselves fleeing some digitally created monstrosities. Do we actually get the impression that these superimposed creatures are real?

Surprisingly, the answer is yes. The special effects technicians deserve a raise. Bowman mentioned in interviews that he wanted dragons as "forces of nature" and not just some mythical wild animals.

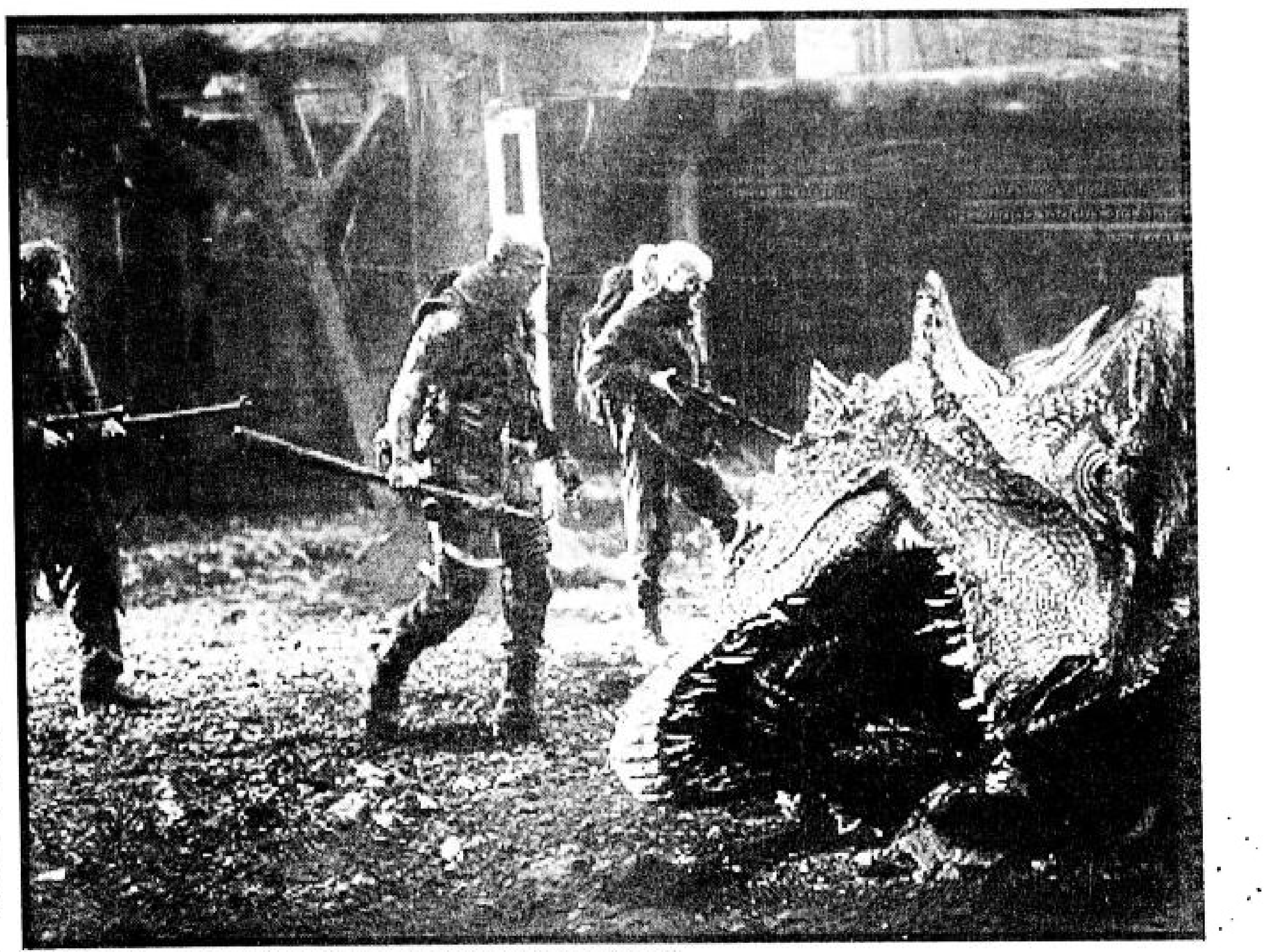
The result is awesome: The manufactured image moves like a feline on land, yet is slithery enough to dart toward its prey with sharp precision. The dragons are their own beings, hulking and bullying their way to the top of the food chain.

But the non-digital characters aren't to be outdone.

I'm most familiar with Christian Bale's work as the pop culture-spouting chainsaw murderer in "American Psycho." His small talk about chart-topping '80s records before killing prostitutes in that film has a really strange parallel here in "Reign."

Of course, he's far removed from that character, as he plays Quinn, a survivor of the destruction of London in the initial dragon attack of 2008. In 2020, he re-enacts a familiar sword duel from an '80s movie called (what was it?) "The Empire Strikes Back" to entertain kids in a shelter.

That is a cute reference to a movie these children of the future never got a chance to see.



REPTILIAN slayers confront a common enemy in "Reign of Fire."

> It deserves checking out for the dazzling computer illusions and some of the best-looking reptiles since 'Jurassic Park'

Quinn leads the hiding British survivors until a Yank, Van Zan (Matthew McConaughey), horns in and cramps his style. Van Zan, a reputed dragon slayer, arrives with soldiers and weapons aplenty. Predictably, he and Quinn come to fisticuffs over leadership stuff and being proactive in the fight against the dragons.

It's funny that with almost everyone decimated, man can still fight with his fellows. But the tension eases quite expectedly when the two are confronted with a common enemy.

McConaughey adds a component of machismo to the already thunderous and blustering action scenes. Tattooed, bald and built like a tank, he makes a smooth transition as an action star, one of the few with the distinction of having a genuine Southern accent.

After a time, though, he acts like he swapped characters with Bale.

The film's ending is a puzzler. Let's just say that the build-up and paranoia is excellent, but the climax sort of fizzles out.

We're presented with more questions that are left unanswered, a possible setup for a sequel.

The audience is left expecting a bigger payoff, a more death-defying feat that comes with the possibilities that are hinted at as the tale unfolds. If the writers have left it that way, with no plan for a sequel or addendum for the DVD version, then it just feels incomplete.

But maybe it's just me. In any case, it deserves checking out for the dazzling computer illusions and some of the best-looking reptiles since the velociraptors and T-rexes of "Jurassic Park."

This dragon-slaying movie ultimately proves to be a time-slaying one, but hey, the dragons in it really rock.

What Echo, 23, does for reality check

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS
Leah Salterio

YOUNG actor **Jericho Rosales** will celebrate his birthday tonight in a bash to be hosted by Lee Denim USA, his long-time clothing sponsor.

The party will be a blue-themed shebang to be graced by Jericho's friends in and out of show biz, as well as members of the La Union Board Riders, a group of surfers with an environmental crusade which Jericho has been supporting.

"I really want to help them form an organization for their further training and education," says Jericho of his surfing barkada. "I want to help them come up with different projects for the environment, sports or livelihood. I also want to make surfing more popular among the youth."

Echo, as Jericho is fondly called, hangs out with the La Union Board Riders on the beaches of that province.

"Surfing is my ultimate escape and my favorite sport," Echo says. "Surfers are very simple and down-to-earth. They give me a reality check. Theirs is the real world and the normal life. They remind me that show biz is just make-believe."

Echo is a man of diverse talents and a creative mind.

"Acting is just one facet of my personality," he says. "My world is not limited to show biz."

To release his boundless energies, he turns his attention to his other hobbies and past-times. When his calendar is free, Echo can be seen in various mall arcades like Time Zone.

The fun-loving actor is also heavily into Marvel and Archie's comic books and role-playing games like "Dungeons and Dragons."

Unknown to many, Echo also has a domestic side. He is a whiz in the kitchen, where he whips up Bicolano recipes like *sugpo sa gata*, which he learned from his surfing buddy and cousin, Ryan.

"Even single guys should know how to cook," Echo maintains. "It's part of being independent."

In La Union, where he hies off to surf, Echo also indulges in his other hobby, photography.

"It's an art form I would like to explore," he says. "When I look around me, I see unique pictures just waiting to be taken."

He hopes to mount his debut solo exhibit one day, "when the right time comes."

"If ever I become a director in the future, I'll try to do commercials first," he says. "I have so many ideas that I want to share."

'PJ' on radio

SEXY actress **Patricia Javier**, who will soon launch her recording debut, "PJ," was the special guest last Thursday on the AM radio show, "Llamado Dehado," hosted by **Peter Sing** on Angel Radyo 1026 khz.

The daily morning radio program devoted a full hour to Patricia's celebrity interview, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Despite the early schedule, Patricia graced the radio booth with her talent manager, **Jessica Rodriguez**. Peter interviewed both women.

"Llamado Dehado" promised to feature guest celebrities in live interviews.

Listeners asked Patricia questions by calling up Angel Radyo's numbers. Even Jessica, who's no longer in the show biz limelight, got her share of questions.

Jessica is happily married to athlete **David Bunevacz**. She was asked when she's planning to have a baby with David or if she's still seeing Hollywood action star **Jean-Claude van Damme**.

Jessica had a miscarriage early this year. She said she is no longer in touch with Van Damme.

Patricia is working double time to promote her album from EMI Philippines. It will be formally launched in a mini-concert party on Sept. 27 at The Forum, the newest haunt (at The Podium in Ortigas Center), partly owned by Jessica with concert producer **Jacob Fernandez** and TV host **Paolo Bediones**.

GMA beats ABS-CBN

GMA 7 drumbeaters announced the good news that the network's programs continue to overwhelm its chief competitor in the recent AGB Philippines survey conducted for August.

GMA 7's noontime show, "Eat Bulaga," bested ABS-CBN's "Magandang Tanghali Bayan (MTB)" with a 29 percent rating versus "MTB's" 10 percent. "Eat Bulaga" also had a higher audience share of 54 percent against 35 percent of "MTB."

GMA 7's morning shows maintained their lead with the re-run of "Marimar," beating "Mula sa Puso," 16 percent against 9 percent in the ratings.

The daily morning talk show, "Sis," hosted by **Janice** and **Gelli de Belen**, registered a 15 percent ratings, while ABS-CBN's "Morning Girls" had only 12 percent. In audience share, "Sis" had 47 percent against the 36 percent of "Morning Girls."

"Extra, Extra" with Paolo Bediones and **Miriam Quiambao** kept its lead over ABS-CBN's "etc." hosted by **Boy Abunda** and **Christine Bersola**, 18 percent against 15 percent in ratings and 45 percent against 37 percent in audience share.

"I-Witness" rated **11** percent against 10 percent of "The Correspondents." "Debate with Mare at Pare" had an 8 percent rating against "Isyu" with 6 percent.

"Emergency" topped "True Crime," 10 percent against 9 percent in ratings.

On Saturdays, GMA 7 shows dominated the Saturday bloc from early morning to midnight for Aug. 1-31, according to the survey.

GMA 7 rated 16 percent against the 14 percent of ABS-CBN for total programs aired from 6 a.m. to midnight.

In audience share, GMA 7 registered 39 percent against ABS-CBN's 35 percent.

BIRTHDAY BOY Jericho Rosales knows show biz is just make-believe

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E! Philippines airs Emmy Awards live

E! Philippines airs "Live from the Red Carpet: The 2002 Primetime Emmy Awards" and the "Live Post Show: Primetime Emmy Awards Live," Sept. 23, Monday, from 6 to 8 a. m. and 11 to 1 p.m. respectively, with a rebroadcast at 7 and 10:30 p.m. on the same day.

E! Networks boasts of the most extensive coverage of the Emmys to be held at the historic Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, where the stars of the most popular shows will take a walk down the red carpet for a night of honors, awards and a date with Emmy.

Joan and Melissa Rives will take their place in the red carpet to greet arriving nominees and celebrity and celebrity guests in the two-hour special.

Joan will provide her trademark comic commentary on all of this year's Emmy fashions and Melissa will give insight on the nominees and categories.

E! scored for itself another Emmy nomination for its "E! True Hollywood Story," the series will compete in the outstanding non-fiction series (informational) category.

Immediately following the NBC Emmy Broadcast, E! will continue its comprehensive coverage with "Live Post Show: Primetime Emmy awards," 11 a.m.

Steve Kmetko and Jules Asner cap off the comprehensive coverage by featuring live, one-on-one interviews with the winners backstage.

On Sept. 23, E! begins Emmy day at 5 a.m., with a rebroadcast of the 2002 Emmy nominations. E! Philippines goes live from the Shrine Auditorium at 6 a.m. for the "Live from the Red Carpet: The 2002 Emmy Primetime Awards."

A one and a half hour "E! News Live Special Edition: American Idol" comes in at 8 a.m., featuring red carpet arrivals and interviews of the recently concluded and hugely successful "American Idol" competition held at the Kodak Theater in Los Angeles.

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‘I’m not a womanizer’

By Marinel R. Cruz

DESPITE his reputation and the women linked to him, actor and TV host John Estrada refuses to be labeled *“babaero.”*

For John a womanizer is a man who chases women but will not maintain a good and long-term relationship with any of them.

“A babaero is someone who has reached his forties but has never married,” the 29-year-old says.

“You may not agree but I don’t consider myself a babaero,” adds the cause of many tearful nights for his former wife, Janice de Belen. “Maybe I was, but I’ve changed. I don’t think I have to announce that to the whole world.”

After more than a year since the breakup of his 10-year marriage to Janice, John still refuses to talk about the issue with the media even after his ex-wife has declared that she is way past grieving for the failed relationship.

“It’s a personal thing,” says John, who for the longest time has been the subject of many reports about his supposed affair with “Magandang Tanghali Bayan” cohost Vanessa del Bianco.

John, who is the cover story of the Sept. 29 Sunday Inquirer Magazine, says his four kids with Janice (Ina, 10, Moira, 9, Kyla, 6 and Yuan, 4) are still too young to ask about their parents’ separation.

“But if they would ask (about the separation), I will answer them straight,” he says. “I believe they deserve honesty.”

After 11 years of being in show business, John says intrigues hardly affect him anymore, but he admits he worries about how his kids would take the intrigues. “I’m used to it already,” he says. “I get affected only when I’ve really done something wrong. But as long as I can explain my actions, I don’t care what other people say.”

John says the one thing that would really hurt him is to be told he is not a good father to his children. He claims he really makes time for his kids.

Now that he is living alone in an apartment on Ortigas Avenue in Pasig City, he visits his children every weekend. “We usually go malling. I’m close to all my kids but I especially want to spend time with my son Yuan.”

John says he is saving money to buy his own house. When nights become too lonely, he hangs out with close friends in the house of fellow actor Richard Gomez to “drink and talk.”

“I open up to them about my problems,” he says. “*Pero hindi ako iyakin eh*. I don’t even remember the last time I cried.”

There used to be times when John wished he was just a regular guy and not in show business. “At least I would have peace of mind and would not always be in the public eye,” he says.

“But I believe that where you are is there you are. You just have to enjoy every moment and cherish every experience.

“I’m thankful to whatever comes my way,” he adds.

John plays Boris in “Kay Tagal Kitang Hintay,” ABS-CBN’s newest teleserye where he pits thespic skills with the likes of Lorna Tolentino, Edu Manzano, Johnny Delgado and Bing Loyzaga. The series is directed by Olive Lamasan and Laurenti Dyogi.

He is also a regular host of the daily noontime variety show “Magandang Tanghali Bayan” also on ABS-CBN Channel 2.

‘GOOD FATHER’ JOHN says he really makes time for his children.

Beauty Plus

“BEAUTY Plus” features former Bb. Pilipinas titlist Chiqui Brosas-Han who will divulge her secret for looking as beautiful and as regal as ever, 11 a.m. today on RPN 9.

In the “Straight from the Expert” portion, Chiqui will discuss childbirth safety which she specializes in in the United States.

She opened a clinic for expectant mothers where she and her trained personnel conducts sessions on prenatal safety measures, proper diet and preparation for the baby’s arrival. She admitted that her pregnancy gave her a big scare. She dreaded giving birth by Ceasarian Section.

After seeking professional counseling, she was able to await the visit of the stork with an open mind.

This experience she now shares with many pregnant women who go to her clinic for consultation.

On the segment “Make Over” Ricky gives Miss Photogenic of the Miss Tiaong 2002 beauty pageant Angelica Bedonia a new hairstyle and make-up that make her image more sophisticated and exotic. Accessories are from Marcella’s.

The contest participated in by Fil-Hair Co-op members all over the country is sponsored by Kolours and Scriptovison.

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“Beauty Plus” is hosted and produced by Ricky Reyes and directed by Cris Aquino.

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Judy Ann: I'd rather work than look for love

JUDY ANN Santos is calm despite her frenetic work pace.

By Fred Samantela
Contributor

SO FAR this year, Judy Ann Santos has done eight movies and, at the rate she's going, she can still do a few more before the year ends and easily be the busiest star in the industry.

Writer Kevin Gray of Details Magazine wrote recently of the young agents of new American stars: "They realize that their talents want things fast—they want it now."

We met with Judy Ann recently in her own restaurant, Kaffe Caribana, to find out if this was also her mindset as a talent.

She came late because she had come from the recording of the movie theme song, "Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang." She chuckled when asked if the song was also for an album. There were no firm plans yet, she said. The song was meant for her television guest appearances only, she said.

This is the first time that she is paired with Robin Padilla. Robin impressed her as a real gentleman on and off the movie set. He has always been known for this and she is charmed by his ways. "He's always bringing little things for me on the set," she said.

In the movie, "Jeannie Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang," she plays a genie in a bottle who will grant Robin three wishes. And Robin wishes for love from his former girlfriend, money, and something else not for himself.

What are Judy Ann's real wishes for herself? Fulfillment and happiness, she replied.

Not too long ago, she went to Brahma Kumaris, about which she had read. She has been devoted to its teachings since then. She's fascinated and so taken by Buddhism and thinks it will help her in her quest for inner peace. She sees herself going deeper into it in the future.

When someone remarked that she would be like Richard Gere, she smiled and her eyes lighted up. She said she meditates a lot at home daily.

She believes she doesn't need a man to be happy and has instead focused on her career.

"I don't really go and look for a man to love me," she said. "I'd rather be busy doing my work."

But she has a problem with insomnia. When insomnia strikes, she cooks her favorite dishes, like pasta.

"Jeannie Bakit Ngayon Ka Lang" appeals to her because it is a comedy/fantasy. It sounds hilarious as she narrates that Robin's character did not know how to get her, the genie, out of the bottle.

As a businesswoman, Juday says that when she put up the bar and restaurant, she made sure the it would provide for the monthly rent. So she doesn't worry so much about big cash outlays.

Judy Ann already has a full schedule until the end of the year. She says she still loves her work despite its frenetic pace and its demands.

Indeed, she was relaxed all the time, that night at Kaffe Caribana. She was, after all, in her own place.

Acting, scriptwriting workshops

GRUPONG Tinta with The UP Film Center will offer its sixth scriptwriting workshop for film and TV and first basic acting workshop for film and TV from October to December.

The scriptwriting workshop will be handled by top-caliber writers from film and TV: Ricky Lee, Bibeth Orteza, Joseph Balboa, Joen Chionglo and Rahyan Carlos among others. There will be eight Saturday sessions from 2 to 6 p.m.

The acting workshop will also be handled by award-winning directors Carlitos Siguion Reyna and Jose Javier Reyes.

The workshop will be facilitated by Director Luciano "Chaning" Carlos and Rahyan Carlos. There will be 10 Sunday sessions, 2 to 6 pm.

The directors will shoot a telesine as the output of the acting workshop to showcase the acting prowess of the workshoppers to talent managers, TV and movie producers.

No professional writing or acting experience is necessary. This will be on a first come, first serve basis. Registrations will be held Sept. 21 and 22 (Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.) at the UP Film Center Diliman, Quezon QC.

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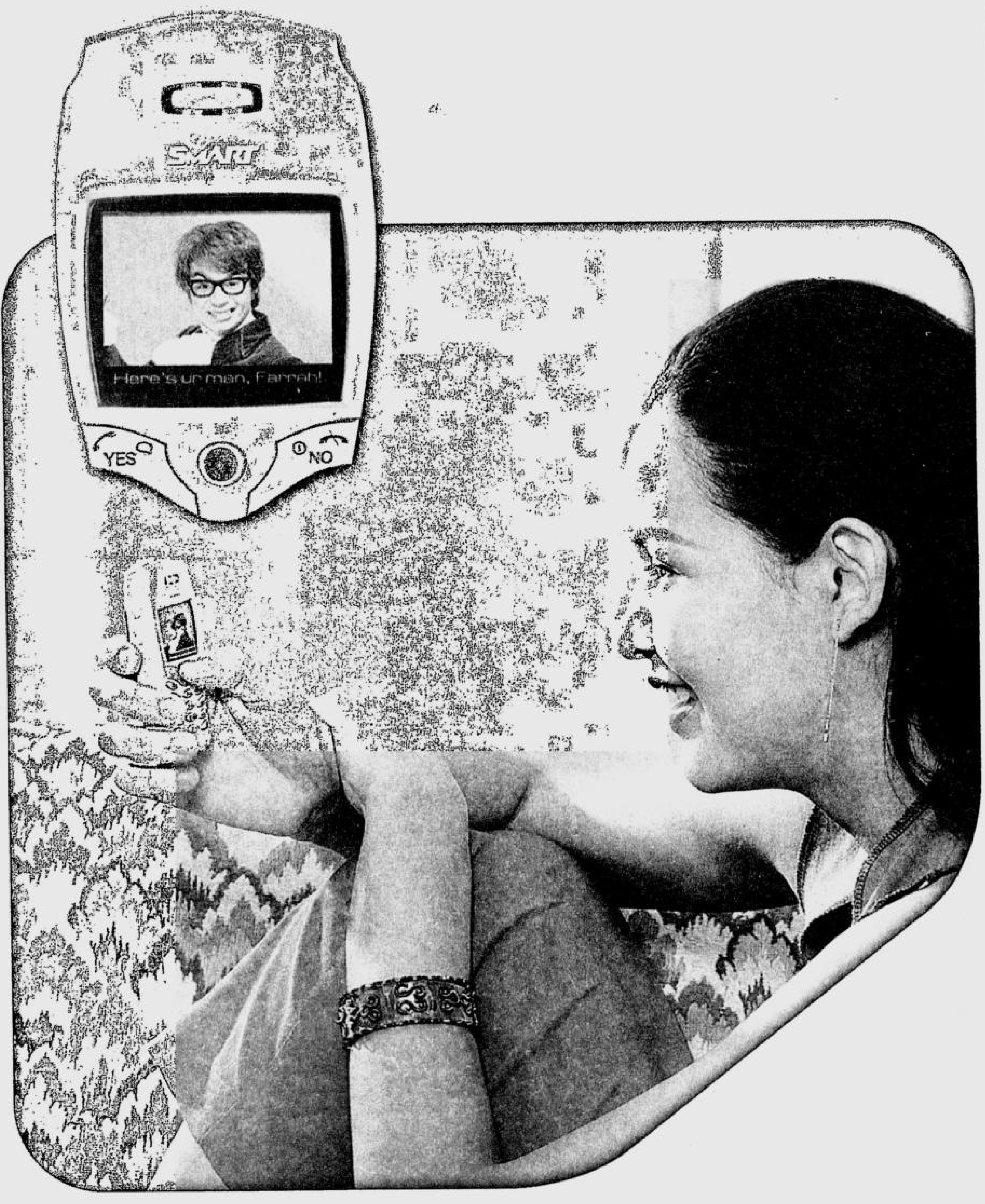

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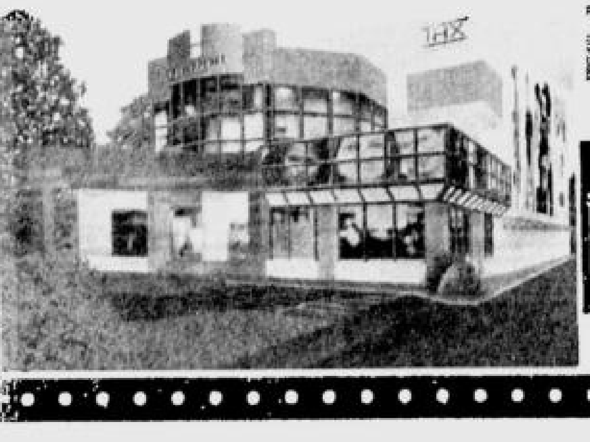

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More than 300 MBC stations nationwide will participate in the promo. Twelve weekly draws will be held in different MBC stations in the country. The grand draw on Dec. 12 will give away P1 million to a lucky listener and four Toyota Revos to four listeners—one winner each for National Capital Region (NCR), Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

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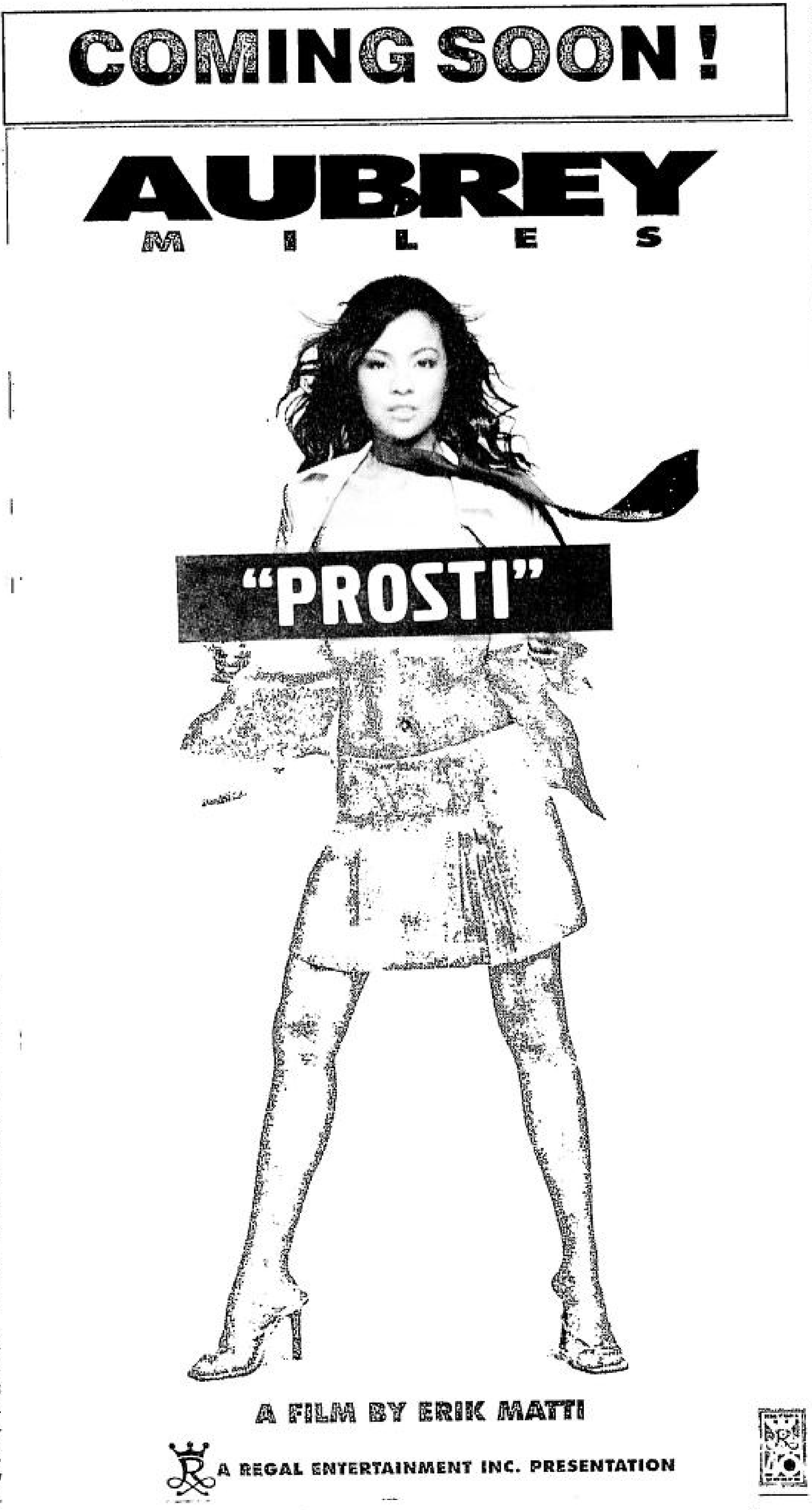
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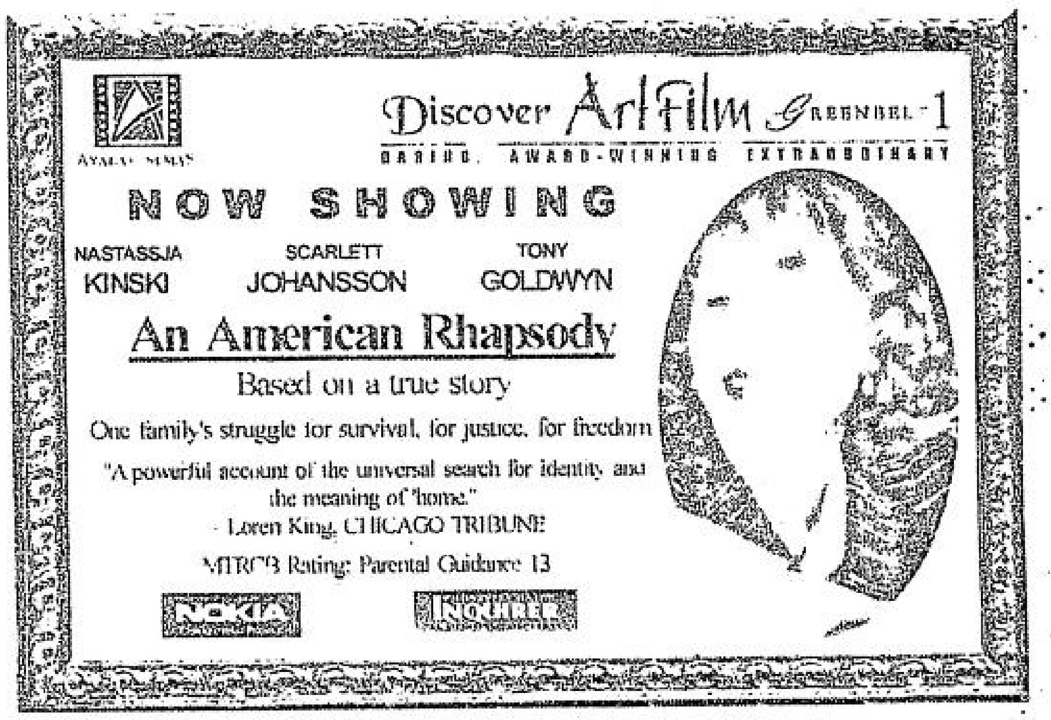
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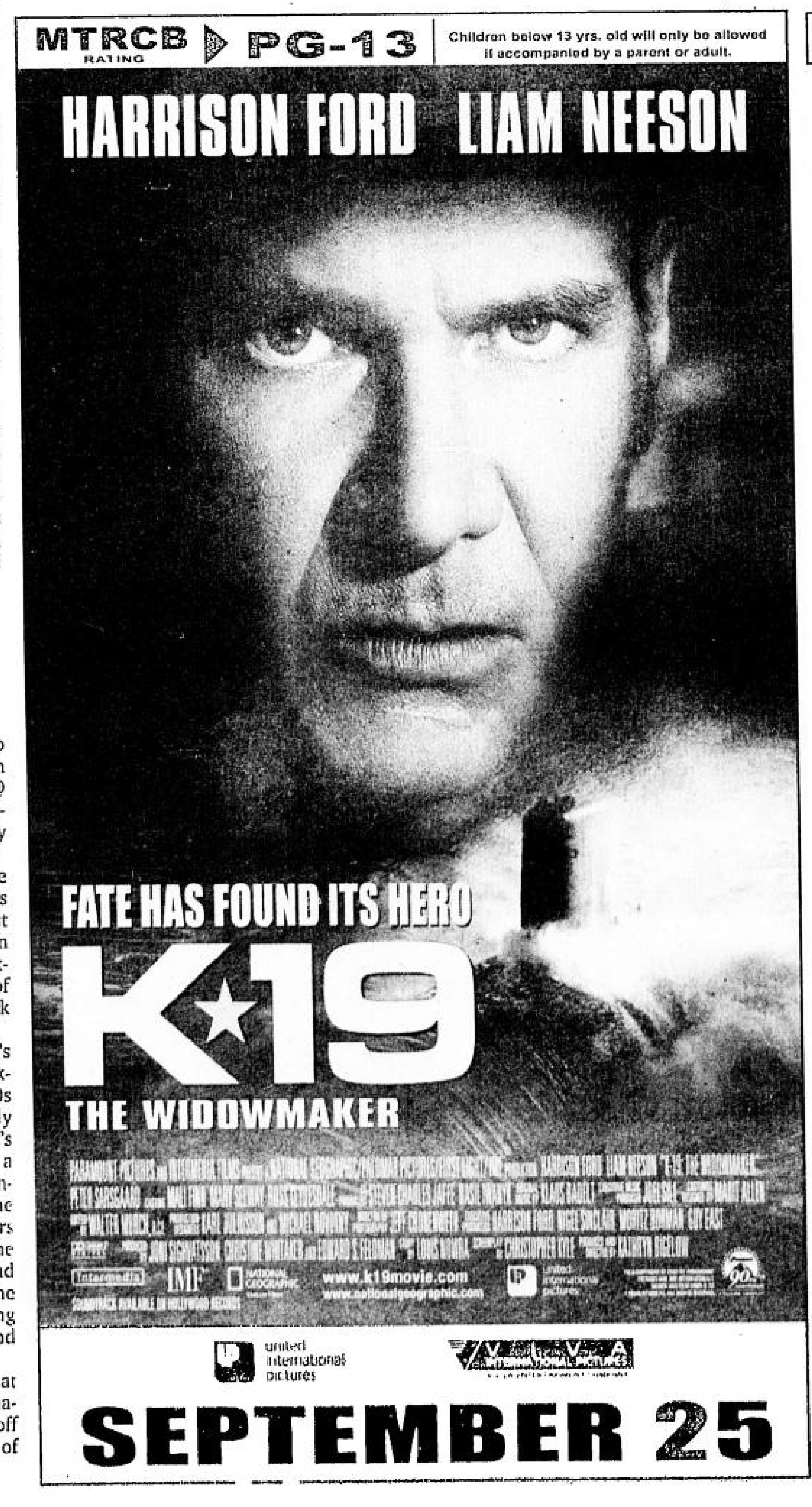
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Editor **Louie C. Camino**

Vietnam declares Gibson co-star 'national traitor'

HANOI—A Vietnamese actor who starred opposite Mel Gibson in the Vietnam War-era film "We Were Soldiers" has been branded by state-run media as a "national traitor" and the film criticized as distorting the truth.

Wednesday's Quan Doi Nhan Dan (People's Army) in a front-page article demanded stiff punishment against Don Duong, who has several other Hollywood movies among his credits.

The movie depicts the battle of Ia Drang in Vietnam's Central Highlands 1965 in which the 7th Air Cavalry led by Lt Col Hal Moore, played by Gibson, triumphed over a more experienced North Vietnamese army.

Duong played the role of the senior Vietnamese military officer.

A Ministry of Culture and Information official told Reuters Duong's punishment would be announced soon.

The official said authorities in Ho Chi Minh City, where Duong lives, had proposed the ministry ban him for five years from playing in any movie and another five-year term for going abroad.

Duong, 45, could not be reached for comment.

Vietnam has also taken issue with another movie role Duong took—that of the head of a refugee camp in the 2001 movie "Green Dragon", starring Patrick Swayze.

That movie was about the life of Vietnamese refugees in a US camp after the war in Vietnam ended in 1975.

Duong also appeared in the 1999 movie "Three Seasons" with Harvey Keitel.

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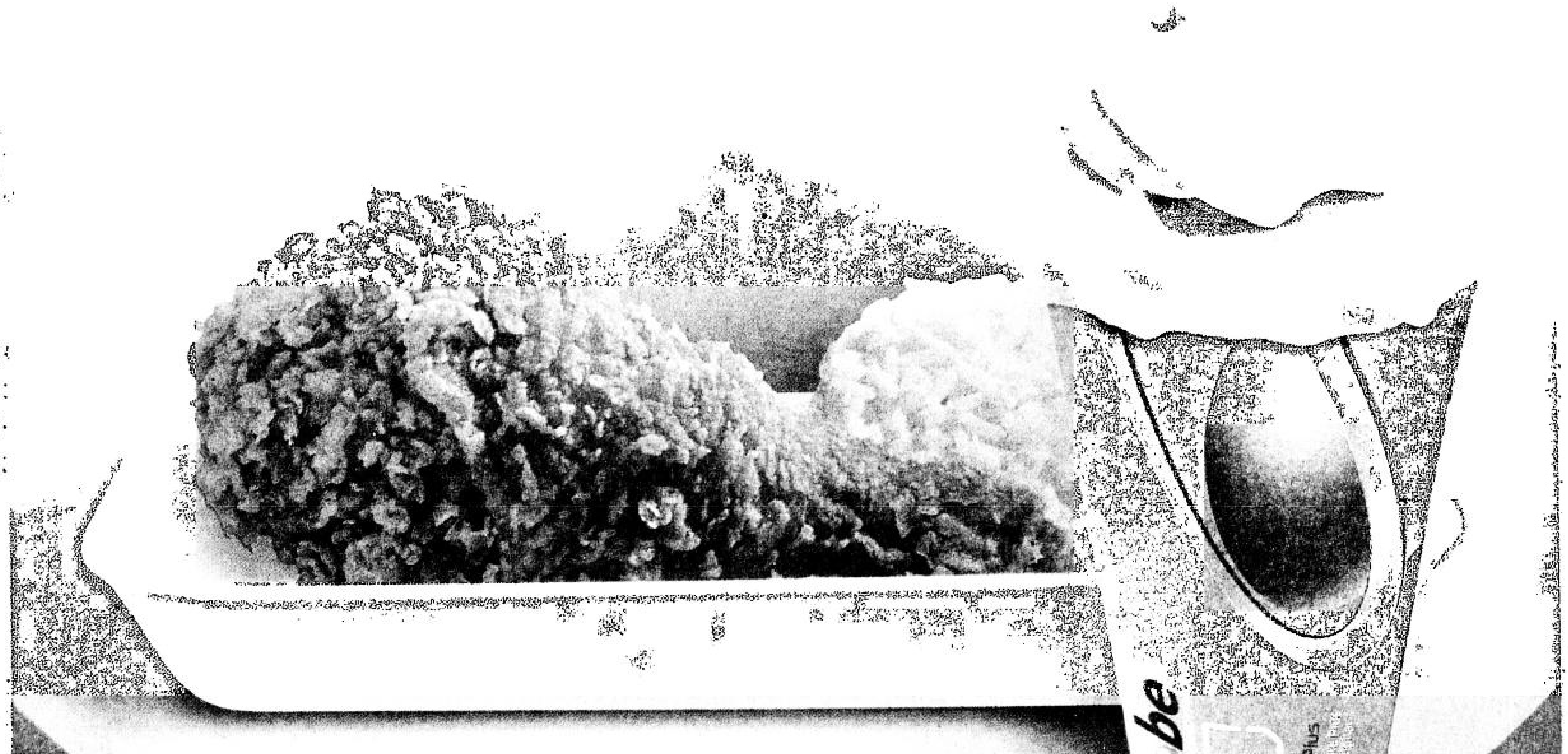

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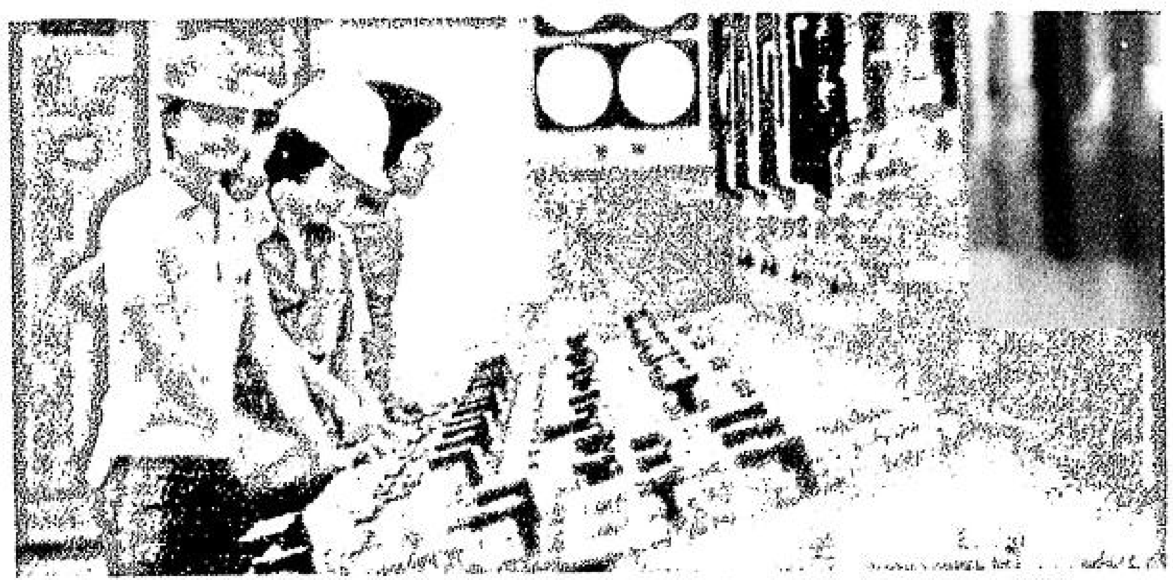

QUILALA (in red helmet) as rank-and-file utility man at the Binga hydroelectric plant, circa 1974.

ACTING National Power Corp. president Roland S. Quilala today

CIRCUMSTANCES forced National Power Corp. president Roland S. Quilala to put in a full eight hours of work every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., walk to the Technological Institute of the Philippines for evening classes and then go home at 9:30 in the evening to take care of his young family. This he did at age 18.

It was a difficult life for Roland and his wife Amie, surviving on his salary of P300 a month plus a cavan of rice worth P75 as a clerk-typist and proofreader for the Philippine Motoring Review, a publication of the Philippine Motor Institute.

But it was the price that Quilala had to pay for marrying at a young age with just a high school diploma under his belt.

Quilala admits that his in-laws vehemently opposed the marriage but he used it as a motivation to prove to them that he was worthy of their daughter's hand.

No stranger to hard work, this fourth child of 10 children of a farmer and homemaker from San Juan, Ilocos Sur, plodded on, combining work and school and doing well in both.

"I had to do it. I had no choice but to do well. I was even surprised that my fellow students were copying from me, even if they were studying full time and had money to buy books. My wife helped me by copying the problems down on paper while I went to work," Quilala said.

After five years, he finally graduated with an electrical engineering degree from the National University in 1972. By then he had three sons.

His wages as a clerk and typist were no longer enough to support his family so he looked for another job and he found it in the National Power Corp. He was hired as a daily wage earner at the Binga hydroelectric plant in Benguet doing odd jobs.

"It was the lowest position in Napocor but I grabbed the opportunity because I got a free house in Benguet. I really had to leave because the apartment we were living in cost P300 in rent, which was already equivalent to my salary. We would not have anything left over for food," Quilala tells Sunday Biz.

FIRST JOB

As luck would have it, there was an opening in Binga for a utility man and it became his first permanent job in Napocor, earning a salary of P455 a month.

He would not stay in the position for long as the board exam results for electrical engineers came out and he passed, qualifying him for the position of engineer also in Binga.

"I remember that I used to look through the glass window of the operations room of Binga and look at all those engineers pressing buttons and staying in an air-conditioned facility. I even asked a fellow utility man who was all covered up with grease like me when I would get the chance to work in that same room. Eventually, I did," Quilala says.

Quilala's ambition did not stop there. He says it was his style to always look ahead and learn the functions and activities of the people in higher positions until he too became a manager.

"I am always advanced because I thought that I already knew enough of my position so I wanted to do something new," Quilala says.

His diligence paid off as he got noticed by his superiors and he was invariably chosen to handle bigger responsibilities.

He also proved his mettle when he became one of a handful of Napocor managers that passed the screening when Napocor went through one of its many reorganizations in 1979, fulfilling his greatest ambition at that time which was to be the plant manager of the Binga power plant.

It was a fast climb considering it usually took engineers 10 years to become a superintendent and 20 years to become a manager. He did it in just six years.

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THE YORK School of Management (YSM), a new school that specializes in delivering British degree programs in the Philippines, recently awarded partial scholarships to 10 Filipinos for the Edinburgh Business School (EBS) MBA program of the Heriot-Watt University, one of Scotland's most prestigious universities.

The Edinburgh Business School, through a tie-up with York School, is the first UK institution to set up an off-campus program in the country. The EBS MBA program offers utmost flexibility because students can choose to study on-campus in Edinburgh or off-campus at the York School in Eastwood City. By opting to study here, students don't have to leave their work.

Among those who were awarded include Universal Robina marketing director Mayo Alcon; United Laboratories Security and Safety Group Manager Col. Art Vidad; Sycip, Salazar Hernandez and Gatmaitan law firm partner Jocelyn Salazar; Ayala Aviation Corp. chief financial officer Georg Bragas; and DAD International Managing Director Danny Ang.

Also included were Maceda, Calanog law Office partner Howard Calleja; Peneyra Law Office managing partner Atty. Red Peneyra; Coca-Cola PBA basketball team head coach Vincent "Chot" Reyes; Department of Finance Director James Roldan; and Philips Electronics and Lighting Financial Controller Joneil Canlas.

(York School of Management is at No. 12 Orchard Road, Eastwood City Libis, Quezon City, with Tel. Nos. 6874736 to 37 and email, inquire@yorkschool.com.ph.)

Balancing life and work well is an everyday hero's journey

"Downshifting"
By John D. Drakes
Berrett-Koehler Publishers Inc., 2000

By Dante M. Velasco
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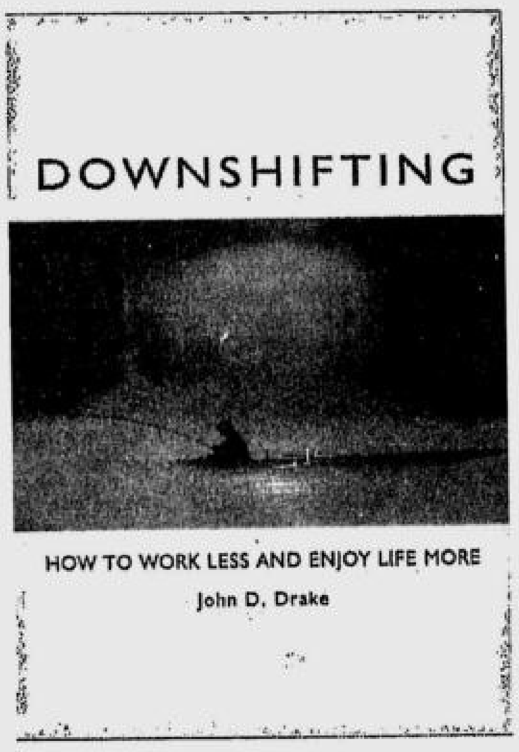

FOR THE past two weeks, conversations with friends and associates began with work and ended with something loftier and longer than work: Life.

You say, it may be the company I keep. But, no. One was born before World War II, and the other when it just began. Two of them are "baby boomers" (born after the war). The last is a martial law baby, born in 1972 when the country was placed under martial rule.

The pre-WW II baby just retired—and he is producing a book containing speeches delivered over a 10-year period, if he is not busy at the golf course in Malarayat or fishing near a vacation house facing the Batangas Bay.

The WW II baby is concluding a dizzying—and very rewarding career in the corporate world as CEO of a number of firms—who began with three private planes and decided to retain just one, as part of his "downshifting" strategies.

(Mortals like us settle for earthbound and land-based vehicles, while the rich and famous simply downscale their options for airborne "toys".)

Baby boomer

A baby boomer has limited his consultancy jobs to a few favorite clients and decided to lay the foundation for becoming an "arm chair" professor and, possibly, an author—after earning a doctoral degree in a year or two.

EXECUTIVE READ

Working less

The youngish manager, armed with an MBA, decided to put up an outlet for a specialty coffee shop with his bride-to-be, and relishes the prospects of a slowed down life over coffee and cookie.

That's the theme of "Downshifting," a book whose sub-title says it all—almost: "How to work less and enjoy life more." The author is John D. Drake, who was himself a workaholic CEO who, one day, decided to drop everything—and start a simpler and satisfying life.

Mr. Drake says the decision to "downshift" has become more attractive to some—but at the same much more difficult—because of the demands of the Internet age. He quotes a consultant from McKinsey & Company:

"The fast pace and pressure to be plugged-in at all times, made by the omnipresent cell phones, voicemail, e-mail, laptops and faxes, fueled the expectation that employees quite literally be available to deal with work issues 24 hours a day—wherever they are whatever they are doing."

He tells of a boast from a co-employee on time spent in the office: I work half-days —12 hours!"

The book—written in an easy, warm style—leads the executive through the process of considering shorter hours at work for the bosses and longer hours for life at home with loved ones and friends—from staring the "work trap" in the eye to egging you to act with the question: "What's stopping you?"

From considering "low-risk downshifting options" to strategizing how to persuade your boss or your organization to buy your idea of a less stressful job, reduced hours, or working at home half of the time. Finally, the book gives you insights on how to deal with your "newfound free time" as semi-retired. Locally, others call this "retire-ded" (derisively taking off from "retarded).

Consuming lives

The author opens up a long discussion on "work that consumes our lives"—even the justification that it is only in the workplace where you get fulfillment, recognition and the means to buy the finer things in life. That's quite true, the author admits. An interesting chapter is his juxtaposition of what "one would miss" with options that begin with the phrase, "on the other hand."

For example on the issue: "Will I have enough money?" the author adds: "On the other hand, you may not need as much." Read happy stories of lives enhanced with altered work habits. The author, who once was CEO of the world's largest human resources consulting firm, shares insights on the liberating effect of a decision to downshift. By no means is he advising that the executive bid goodbye to work; only changing his work mindset.

Personalities

His discussion on Type A personalities—the driven, perfectionist ones—is enlightening, and we see ourselves. "We make our own crises," he declares, and we can only agree—because we make such high demands on ourselves.

He advises: "Avoid business travel on weekends," and we know he is pointing his finger at you and me. He gives a quote: "Control your destiny or someone else will." It's from Jack Welch, celebrated CEO of General Electric, now enjoying his retirement.

His parting shot could be our shot in the arm as humans first, workers second: "Your quest for success defined by simplicity, love, and meaningfulness, in a world that defines success as material gain, is truly a hero's journey. Go for it! *(dantemv@i-next.net)*

RELAXING near Lake Caliraya with grandson.

Circumstances . . .

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about to leave Quilala a Binga plant manager for long. From there—he moved to Magat in 1982, Ambuklao in 1988 and then group manager of the power generation group in 1991.

He also found the time to complete his Master's Degree in business Management from the University of the Philippines College of Baguio.

In 1999, he was named vice president of Visayas geothermal power plants that include the Palipinon and Tongonan plants, then senior vice president in November last year.

He was just getting the feel of the job when he was forced to take on the job as acting president of the state power firm, making him the first to go up the ranks to become president.

"I believe that I got the job because there was a need at that time for a person with experience in operations and I had that. Napocor presidents before were executives but were not too immersed in operations," Quilala says.

Quilala attributes his climb partly to his being a hands-on manager. He says he may not be the most technically equipped for the position but he possesses the gift of being able to motivate others to do the job for him.

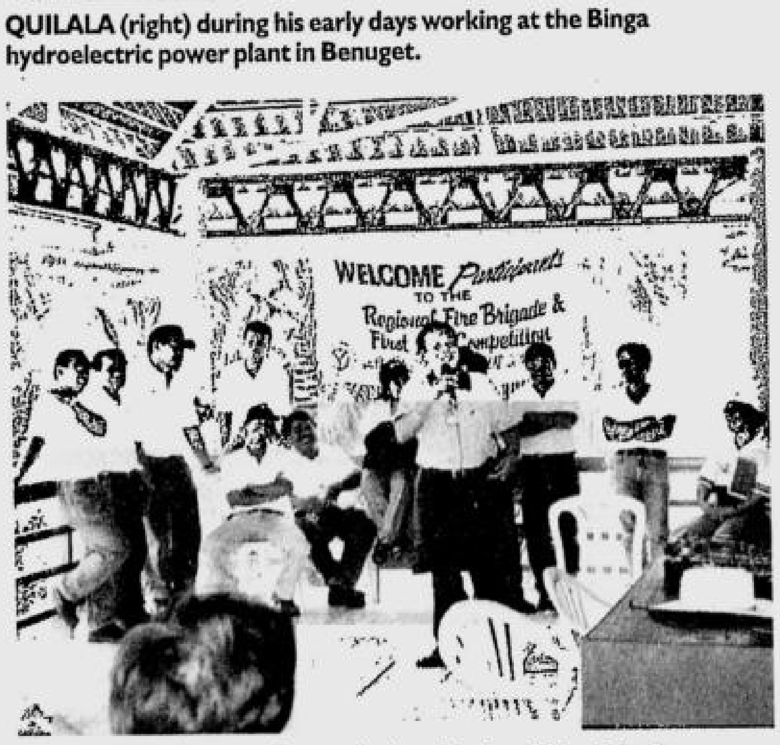
Quilala stresses that getting the job done does not mean being good all the time.

"The challenge is to know which way to go. If I need to be strict, then I am strict but I can also go with the people and have fun but I maintain a certain distance. It is important," he adds.

The distance, however, did not prevent Napocor's employees from closely identifying with him and supporting him and his endeavors.

"I look at my position today as a blessing and I hope that it would serve as an inspiration for people who came from humble beginnings like me to eventually succeed," he says.

QUILALA (right) during his early days working at the Binga hydroelectric power plant in Benuget.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SPEAKING before employees during a Regional Fire Brigade Training, as OIC-president and chief executive officer of Napocor.

Year-round work for Gerona lantern makers

By Jo Clemente
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CHRISTMAS is serious business for the lantern makers of Gerona, Tarlac.

GERONA, Tarlac—Like Santa's little helpers, the lantern makers of this town do not rest at all after Christmas.

Fact is, as early as January, they start building up their "arsenal" so they have something to offer come Christmas season.

One of them is Conrado de la Cruz, a 52-year-old tricycle driver. His lantern stall is one of many that line up and light up a good span of MacArthur Highway in Barangay Caturay here.

Traditional parol

What gives this lantern strip its distinct character is that it sells the traditional parol—simple star of bamboo sticks, hemmed together by fine wire or string and made beautiful by colored or plain white Japanese paper.

The lanterns are lit up and displayed as soon as the last candle of All Saints' Day is blown out.

"Not any more," says De la Cruz.

This year, his initial display came out on Aug. 5 because his lanterns have evolved from bamboo sticks and paper to iron bars, thick wires and plastics.

More have been added to his traditional frame designs. From the simple five-cornered star, there is now a star bell and a star angel.

His floral ensemble blooms with more species like poinsettias, roses and sunflowers. Lanterns with fruit designs like mangoes, apples, strawberries and oranges are also available.

De la Cruz says the change has opened new opportunities for the town's lantern makers even outside the Christmas season.

Year-round cycle

Last year, De la Cruz made 300 pieces of his most saleable item, the star bell.

Of this batch, only four were left unsold.

As there are only 365 days in a year and there are other designs to make, he and his two assistants start putting the lantern frames together as early as January.

The frames are made up of construction wires they weld together to form the design. But the most difficult part of the work, he says, is "taming" the wires or flat iron bars to conform with the design and then scaling the lanterns to proportionate sizes.

The size is determined by the number of bulbs to be placed in the lantern. For the star bell, 21, 11 or six bulbs are used. The fruit patterns, on the other hand, usually have a single bulb.

By July, De la Cruz says, they start wiring and putting the bulbs on the lanterns.

Tedious process

He says this process is tedious as they have to test and retest the connections. After this, they start decorating the lantern with colored plastic, the standard material, or with some other materials like capiz, which is expensive, if it is available at all.

De la Cruz says they are conscious of the fact that some lanterns will be hung outdoors and probably way beyond Christmas thus they have to shield the bulbs from the rain as much as they can.

Decorating the Christmas lanterns, on the other hand, demands greater creativity.

While these lanterns follow a common frame design, "*kailangan gamitin din ang utak* (you need to use your brain)," says De la Cruz.

For the all-season decors, however, De la Cruz says: "We should make pink sunflowers even though we know that sunflowers are yellow because that's what customers want."

Display

By September, the lanterns are ready for display.

The star bell sells for P1,200, P800 and P450, depending on its size.

De la Cruz says they earn an average of between P200 and P400 from each lantern. While the materials are relatively cheap, it is the time and skill that one has devoted to each piece that make up the bigger part of the cost.

Other items have also come on stream this year. Iron decors outlined by rope or flexi-lights are also the "in thing."

Much as they want to do the traditional decor, De la Cruz says they have to adapt to the changing times.

By adapting, De la Cruz says they have to learn new things, most basic of which is the shift from the simple paste and glue gun to the use of a welding machine.

Opportunities

Are all stall owners in this lantern strip producing what they sell? Not really, says De la Cruz.

Some get their items from Metro Manila traders ready-made and sell them in Gerona on commission basis while others buy the goods half-processed. They buy finished frames and put the decorations.

Others like De la Cruz study patterns and trends and make things on their own.

Last year, says De la Cruz, he made several hundreds of fruit and flower lanterns for Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija. This year, he was commissioned by a school in Dagupan City to make a huge "Belen (Nativity set)."

The Belen, made of iron and wires, carries life-size images of the Holy Family.

During the INQUIRER interview, De la Cruz was set to install the flexi-lights that would give a shimmering outline to the Belen. The project was started in August and would be finished by next month.

De la Cruz says they still make old-fashioned parol, but this time, they will not be an off-the-rack item but one "made by request."

He adds that they have lanterns for all seasons. His business billboard says it so: "CATURAY LANTERNS, Lanterns for all Seasons."

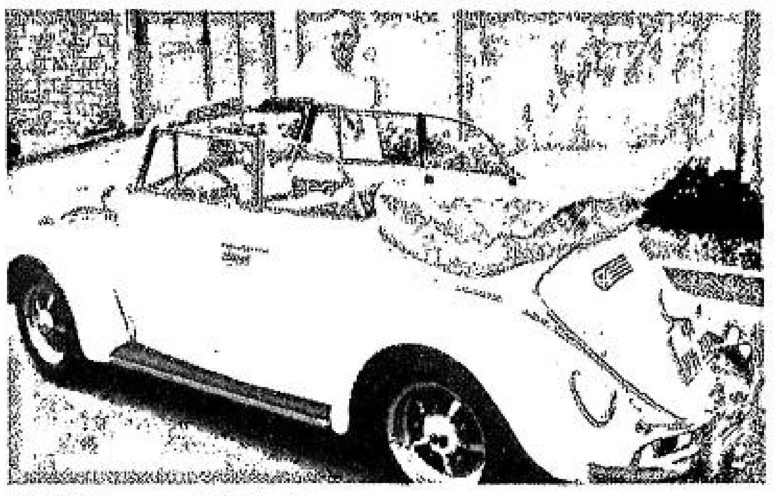
Execs race down memory lane with Beetle

FOR EDDIE Roces and Andy Ferreria, riding a Volkswagen Beetle could only spell one thing—an enjoyable trip down memory lane.

"The experience reminds me of the days when I drove around Baguio in a Beetle convertible. The cold climate, the smell of pine trees, and the amazing view made the ride a worthwhile experience," shares Roces, president of ABC 5 and the Southeast Asian Foundation for Children's Television (SEAFTV).

"The car brings back memories of the good old days," says Ferreria, who, when not tinkering with his Beetles, is busy lecturing to students at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) or doing administrative work as dean of the AIM Asian Center for Entrepreneurship.

The two executives are certified Volkswagen enthusiasts and are two of the founding members of the Volkswagen Club of the Philippines (VWCP). VWCP was formed in 1985 when a group of eight Volkswagen (VW) owners met in a sidewalk cafe along Tomas Morato. In between coffee and smokes, these guys bonded, exchanged ideas and know-how on VW maintenance. Soon, VWCP was born with the goal to preserve, maintain and restore VWs in the country and foster camaraderie among VW enthusiasts. Other founding members are Pete Morato, Cesar Martinez, Dodi Ruiz, and VW restorer Mawie Chanco. At present, the club has several chapters in key provinces such as Laguna, Batangas, Pangasinan, Baguio, Cagayan, Tuguegarao, and Quezon, and has also grown to include students and young adults as members.


EDDIE Roces and his Beetle

Ferreria worked as assistant vice president for manufacturing of DMG Inc., the manufacturer and distributor of Volkswagen in the country in the '70's. He owns several units including a 1952 split window model, a 1964 sunroof, and a Karmann Ghia convertible.

"To me, working with DMG was not only a job but it was also so much fun. I have been assembling model cars since high school so I when I worked for Volkswagen, my hobby became bigger," shares Ferreria who believes that the Beetle is the most successful automobile in car history. In fact, the Beetle is the most popular car in the world, with more than 25 million units sold, and still selling!

"The car came out so bare it allowed Filipino creativity and customization to come out," adds Ferreria, who also owns the oldest Porsche in the country. The first Beetle Ferreria restored in 1979 was a 1958 Beetle Convertible which he has kept in good condition through the years. He is proud to say that he only does "serious" restoration on all his Beetle collection, meaning he uses only original Volkswagen parts and accessories. Everything is according to factory specifications--from the torts, lights, engine design to the type of color the car had when it came out in the market.

"A lot of people like to customize their Beetle but personally, I like the car to look and feel like the way it came out of the factory," says Ferreria, who also owns the oldest Porsche in the country.

As a result of his careful and

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SEX and your HEART

Sex is important to Filipino men and women aged 40-80 years old. This was the finding of the Pfizer Sexual Health Report featured in one of the MEDEX articles. But some people within this age range may also be suffering from a heart condition. Will this pose a problem? In this article, we will answer this and some common questions regarding sex and the heart.

Can my spouse and I still have sex even if one or both of us have heart disease or had a stroke?

Having heart disease doesn't mean that a satisfying sex life must end. After the first phase of recovery is over, many patients find that the same forms of lovermaking that they enjoyed before are still rewarding.

There are many myths that surround sex after heart disease or stroke. The most common one is that resuming sex often causes a heart attack or stroke. This just isn't true. There is no reason why heart patients or stroke survivors can't resumes usual sexual activity as soon as they feel ready for it.

How can we prepare for the resumption of sexual activity after a heart disease or stroke?

First, you can maintain and improve your physical conditions and personal hygiene. Second, you can be more tolerant of your emotions. Temporary mood swings are common.

What are some general guidelines for couples resuming sex?

- Make sure you are both rested and relaxed.
- Wait for 2-3 hours after eating a full meal... this will give time for digestion.
- Choose a familiar, peaceful place.
- Use only medications that are prescribed by your doctor: take this prior to the sexual activity.
- Be aware that your feelings about your body may have changed since you became ill.
- If you start to feel uncomfortable or tired during the sexual activity, stop and rest for a short time.

There is no reason why heart patients can't resume sexual activity as soon as they feel ready to do so. However, if your condition is severe and you can't tolerate exercise, you may need to find less demanding ways of expressing your love to your spouse. You can spend time hugging, kissing and touching instead.

I have high blood pressure and still want to have sex, but I'm experiencing erection problems!

Erectile Dysfunction (ED), which is trouble having or maintaining an erection sufficient for sexual activity, is one health problem associated with cardiovascular diseases such as high blood pressure. This is often not talked about. It has been shown that men with hypertension, elevated cholesterol, heart disease and diabetes have erection problems more often than men who don't suffer from these conditions. Sometimes the medications taken for these conditions cause the erection problems.

If you have these conditions and are experiencing erection problems, there are things you - with your doctor - can do to resolve them. Erection problems may not be the easiest thing to talk about, but it is important to communicate with your doctor if this is a problem for you... he or she will know how to help you.

So... Can I still have sex even if one or both of us have heart disease?

Don't be embarrassed about raising this question with your doctor... they have heard it before and can help you!

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Erectile Dysfunction (ED or impotence) affects 50% of men aged 40 and above and is common among men with diabetes, hypertension, other cardiovascular and psychological diseases. Though serious, it is not irreversible.

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People, Events & Products

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LGUs, tour operators, theme parks, resort hotels get early bird perks for 13th PTM

LOCAL governments join tour operators, resort hotels, airlines and theme parks in the roster of early-bird exhibitors for the 13th Philippine Travel Mart (PTM).

This was announced by the Philippine Tour Operators (Philtoa) which annually organizes the PTM, the country's most comprehensive and innovative tourism and travel trade mart. The 13th PTM is slated from Nov. 22 to 24 at the SM Megatrade Halls 1 to 3 at the SM Megamall. Its theme is "Breaking the Barriers to Sustained Growth in Philippine Tourism."

Inquiries and exhibit space reservations are made with Philtoa through Global Visions Events and Marketing Network Inc., its event management team, at 687-7704 and 687-7794 or email at gve_mktgnet@pilnet.com.

Coming from last year's highly successful PTM, Philtoa is crafting this year's trade exposition to be more responsive to growth markets including the corporate sector which has expressed increasing interest in travel-related management, and business enhancement programs.

Pavilions feature the following: the North Philippines Council, the Cordilllera Autonomous Region, the Department of Tourism, the Department of Agriculture for agritourism, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for ecotourism, the Philppine Tourism Authority, Regions 8, 10 and 5, Negros Occidental, Bohol and Davao, the Boracay Group, San Miguel Corp., and NAIA3-Piatco.

Among early-bird exhibitors are Cencorp Travel and Tours, Magsaysay Travel and Tours, United Tourist Promotions, the provincial governments of Quezon and Cagayan, the city government of Tagaytay, the municipality of Real, the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, while resort exhibitors include the Boracay Regency Beach Resort, Caylabne Bay Resort, Subic Legend/Legenda International Resorts, the Legend Hotel–Palawan, Maribago Blue Water Beach Resort and the Seawind Resort, Club Panoly. Airlines include Asian Spirit and the SeaAir (South East Asian Airlines).

Others are the Laoag City Tourism Council, Bayview Park Hotel Manila, Blue Cross Insurance, Days Inn Asia, Garwood Park Hotel, Hotel Intercon, Horizon Edsa Hotel, Discovery Suites Hotel, Nawawalang Paraiso, One Hundred Services, Orchid Garden Suites Manila, Cebu Plaza/Pathfinder, Queen Margareth Hotel, Richmonde Hotel, Grand Regal Hotel Davao, Waterfront Hotels and Casinos, Royal Mandaya, Boracay Lighthouse and Crafts, Zambrox Corp., La Roca Group, Ecpat, Guide Inc., N. Bolanos, the Enchanted Kingdom, CD Handicrafts, the Foreign Post, Centrex, and Alliances (Dato, Cato, Iccta).

Philtoa recalled that the 12th PTM chalked high visitor volume, exhibitor participation and total sales generated. Exhibitor participation in the trade fair increased 68 percent over the previous event while generating sales from 41,759 buyers.

INQ7 SUPPORTS SAN FO CONFAB

INQ7 Interactive supports the 1st Global Filipino Community Networking Convention in San Francisco. Shown are, from left, Esther Chavez, INQ7-US representative, Rodel Rodis, co-chair of the 1st Global Filipino Community Networking Convention, Paolo Prieto, INQ7 president and CEO, and Edna Belleza, INQ7 VP for sales and linkages. INQ7.net is a joint venture between the Philippine Daily Inquirer and GMA Network.

WG&A Superferry sponsors Children's Hour

WG&A Superferry is one of the corporate sponsors of the Children's Hour, a fund-raising program initiated by the International Youth Foundation that aims to harness finances for children's projects and programs all over the world.

In the Philippines, the campaign was launched in 1999 and spearheaded by 19 top leaders from business, industry and civil society sectors with Ayala Foundation and the Children and Youth Foundation of the Philippines (CYFP) as institutional coordinators.

The Children's Hour recently held a turnover ceremony at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City with former President Corazon Aquino as special guest. WG&A Superferry, together with its affiliate company Cebu Ferries Corp. (CFC), helped finance the campaign's various initiative for underprivileged yet bright, talented kids.

The steering committee, composed of business and government leaders, raised P3,243,343 in less than an hour from 20 major sponsor-companies. The campaign targets to raise P30 million for the young beneficiaries of Children's Hour.

According to Bob Gothong, ManCom chair of WG&A Philippines, the Children's Hour is a noble project to help less fortunate children achieve their dreams and aspirations in life. Gothong is a prominent member of the Children's Hour steering committee.

The campaign, as supported by numerous corporate donors and sponsors like WG&A, advocates the prevention of child abuse and provides rehabilitation services, shelter and allied services, an educational program for special groups, vocational training, feeding programs and health and medical services.

For their part, WG&A Superferry and CFC have jointly launched a massive information campaign onboard their ships to help spread awareness on relevant issues concerning kids and their well-being. Through its various Visayan and Mindanao routes, WG&A and CFC will be educating passengers on the significance of the Children's Hour program and its many young beneficiaries.

Statistically speaking, the Children's Hour has so far helped 64,998 youth with an additional 23,637 from war-stricken areas in Mindanao. The Children's Hour was also launched in Cebu City Sept. 13 with WG&A Superferry as the main sponsor.

WITTY, WILD, WACKY GARFIELD

Richwell Trading Corporation, one of the biggest names in the toy industry, in cooperation with SM Supermalls, brings the Garfield Mania in Manila. Garfield is the popular comic strip created by Jim Davis. He first appeared on June 19, 1978, and since then, he has entertained millions of fans with humorous jokes that poke fun at pet owners and their relationship with their pets. The Garfield Mania in Manila highlights fun and educational games like Garfield's trivia contest, eating contest, treasure haunting, relay games, face and T-shirt painting, and photo ops. Lots of freebies and Garfield items will also be given away. Party with Garfield and his friends Sept. 22 at SM North Edsa and Sept. 28 at SM Megamall. Also log on to the official Garfield website www.Garfield.com. This event is also being brought to you by Oreo, Pillsbury, Max's Fried Chicken and Magic 89.9. This is a production of The Big Picture.

BITS Clips

Reginal confab on curriculum changes

KEY officials of the National Capital Region will hold a regional convention at the Manila Midtown Hotel from Sept. 23 to 25 with the theme "Coping with Curricular Changes and Societal Demands." A conference fee of P4,000 shall be charged to cover food, conference materials and other related conference expenses. Participants are requested to pre-register in the Office of Schools Division Superintendent Aquilina Rivas, care of Fe Manahan at 2923247.

Marriage Encounter weekend

THE REACHING Out for the Lord (ROL) Series of the Tuklasan Sector-Marriage Encounter Foundation of the Philippines will sponsor another Marriage Encounter weekend on Oct. 4 to 6 at the Angels' Hill Seminar and Formation Center, Tagaytay City. Spearheaded by Rick-Connie Lacsamana and Jhun-Nhel Benitez, together with their ROL 15 classmates, the weekend seminar is ideal for married couples seeking fulfillment and rejuvenation from their marriages. The 3-day live-in seminar also hopes to redirect their relationship viewed in the context of Christian love. The ecclesial team is composed of Fr. Jess Hernandez SJ., Sonny-Nitz Baquiran and Videl-Lot Lamanilao. For reservations, call Rick-Connie Lacsamana at 0919-2323818, Jhun-Nhel Benitez at 0919-6044059, Gerry-Gina Martinez at 871-5141, or 871-1436, Gerry-Sheila Reglos at 807-3338 or 770-6760, Freddie-Rachel de Leon at 536-8451, Joe-Janet Saldana at 842-4349, and Bong-Zosie Fajardo at 742-2434 or 742-5981. Deadline for reservations is on Sept. 27. Seminar fee is P3,600 per couple for the three-day weekend.

Golf tourney, part 3

THE SOCIETY of Manufacturing Engineers Manila chapter 165, led by engineer Michael C. Dy, chapter chair, announces SME's 3rd Invitational Golf Tournament On Sept. 24, Tuesday, at the Orchard Golf and Country Club. Interested participants can call 292-4830 or 291-5570 (ask for Babes or Nesie) or 687-4827 (ask for Lily) for further information.

Product FILES

Tekki takes the city

TEKKI Muna!"

TEKKI Yakiudon's TV commercial opening invites the public to pause and rethink its choice when it comes to instant noodles.

All New Tekki Yakiudon, a totally new concept in instant noodles, now rocks the traditional pancit canton market. It comes in a new "imported-looking" package which immediately conveys a totally fresh, more dynamic, bolder image.

More importantly, it's the Tekki experience that sets it apart: an invitingly new aroma, all new Yakiudon noodles which are firmer than the usual, and a taste that will leave on craving for more. With Stir Fry and Chili-Hot (a winner in taste tests due to its "di masakit sa dila" non-offensive chili taste) as its new flagship flavors, Tekki is bound to capture the taste of a whole new generation of noodle lovers.

As the noodles for the new generation, Tekki Yakiudon got no less than three of today's hottest young stars as its endorsers.

Heart Evangelista is a pretty and talented actress, a hip VJ, definitely a wholesome personality who's a hit with today's music video-loving set.

John Prats is not exactly new in the endorsement scene, and enjoys a large following of admirers, both young and old.

Then, there's Carlo Aquino, and award-winning dramatic actor and teen heartthrob.

The three appeared in the new TV campaign of Tekki Yakiudon, which was recently launched simultaneously on ABS-CBN's "ASAP" and GMA 7's "SOP", letting everyone know that there is a new alternative to the regular traditional instant pancit canton.

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As the new generation of noodle lovers respond favorably to Tekki's invitation to change ("O ano, magbago ka na!"), the new generation brand is fast eating up market shares.

CELLPHONE LAB, KINGCOM SIGN CONTRACT

ACA Franchise Group president and CEO Amable C. Aguiluz IX (center) signs with Kingcom as the official provider of branded and quality cell phone accessories for Cellphone Lab. Shown at the contract signing (from left) are Kingcom brand manager Michael Bolima, Cellphone Lab VP-COO Edison Anilao, ACA Franchise Group president and CEO Amable Aguiluz IX, Kingcom vice general manager Dick Tsai and Kingcom director for sales Eddie Wu. Cellphone Lab is a business concept of ACA Franchise Group focused in providing reliable mobile repair services of all cellular phone units of any brand or model.

FINANCING BENZ BUS ACQUISITION

PCI Leasing & Finance Inc. will finance the acquisition of 10 units Mercedes Benz OH 1521 by JS Vergara Transport from Commercial Motors Corp. and Daimler Chrysler South East Asia. Shown during the contract signing recently are (from left) Bernhard Flicker, regional manager, and Rolf Trampert, manager for commercial vehicles bus and coach of Daimler Chrysler South East Asia, Jaimee A. Lee, president of CMC; Jose Marie Vergara, president of JS Vergara Transport, Manolo Arzadon, SVP/COO, and Constante Lapuz, vice president of PCI Leasing & Finance Inc. Witnessing the signing are (standing, from left) Celia Pagulayan, AVP of CMC, Millet Vergara of JS Transport, and Joseph Lee, vice president of CMC who witnessed the contract signing.

10th Taiwan Show at World Trade Center

THE 10TH Taiwan Products and Technology Fair will be held from Nov. 28 to Dec. 1 at the World Trade Center.

The show presents a paradigm shift in rebuilding trade and partnerships between the Philippines and Taiwan. Through the showcase of innovative products, new technologies and an array of new features never before seen in any of its series, the fair aims to present new ideas and strategic solutions to support the demand of the new market place.

The Taiwan Fair boasts of a wide range of visitors, accounting to hundreds of thousands of registered delegates and clientele. Already an institutional event, the Taiwan Products and Technology Fair has become a significant instrument in promoting joint ventures and two-way trade between the Philippines and Taiwan.

Organized by Taiwan Association Inc., the show is sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan, ROC, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan ROC, Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, Taiwan, ROC, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines, and managed by Expovision Trade Inc. For details call TAI at 687-1516 to 17, Expotrade at 895-5735, 895-2392.

The exhibit is categorized into the following sections: agri/agra products and equipment; building and construction materials; chemicals, cosmetics and drugs; electronics, computers, communications and information technology; electrical and lighting system; general machinery for food processing, plastics and packaging, garment and textile production, material handling, manufacturing and mining; house decors, gifts, toys and novelties; sporting goods, leisure and entertainment, health and fitness products, equipment and aids.

RAYJAN'S lube products

Small lube firm takes on giants

By Ruth Yap
Contributor

RAYJAN RESOURCES may well be considered the David in the lube and motor oil industry.

For the past few years, Rayjan has been quietly making its moves. It has remained low key in the promotion and production department but on the side, it has continuously undergone major developments.

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

At the start, they only had Arjanex for automatic transmission vehicles, Jarex gear oil, Rainar extreme pressure grease and Jantrey hydraulic oil.

But today, it has introduced 2T Arjer motorcycle oil and Race 829 premium engine oil, for both diesel and gasoline engines.

Auto stores initially did not pay attention to these brands. But today, Rayjan Lube products is placed side by side with the bigger names. It is now sought by people who know lube better, and those whose life depended on a good running vehicle.

Many would not have dared go against the oil giants but it was merely a challenge for Reyjan's Reynaldo Yap.

He is not exactly what many people imagined him to be. He was not an instant millionaire, nor was he born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

For most of his young life, he Has to struggle with his family as they wade through life. His growing up years was filled with memories of his parents striving to give the best education to their wards. He was witness to his parents' strong will and determination to raise 11 children.

Father, Bon Ban and mother, Carmen started with a small sari-sari store which grew into an auto supply business. All 11 of them has to take turns in looking after their humble auto store.

And it was during these times that he was able to learn the ins and outs of the auto supply business.

Unconsciously, the trade became deeply ingrained in his young mind. No amount of MBA or schooling can ever give this education. At a young age, he knew what he wants to be someday.

He sees himself running his own company, he just does not know how to raise the needed capital. Aside from the fact that he is out in the deserts of United Arab Emirates.

In that country, he saved as much as he can. And even when he is into another field, he did not lose sight of his dream. He engaged in small businesses. He was actually the original, *"tatlong bente singko"* man.

Each day he walk the 20 mile from a UAE hospital to a branch of the Philippine National Bank. He would convert some of his earnings to Philippine coins and sell them to his co-workers so they can call home.

And finally he came home with the capital he needed to start his dream business and the drive and determination. Thus, Powerdrive Auto Supply was born.

The small auto supply slowly generated great interest from in and around Navotas. In a few months' time, it toppled many auto stores and paved the way for his entry into the manufacturing business.

Contrary to what others think, seasoned businessmen like him gets scared too. Every new endeavor he goes into, every new business he opens gives him real great fear. But like a true warrior, he goes out to conquer this fear. To him, his greatest weapon is his faith in God and the security that his family is with him all the way. "I know, I can never win all my battles, I just ask God to be there whenever I fall."

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exacting Beetle restoration, the process, according to him, usually costs him more than the car itself—somewhere between P300,000 and P700,000.

"Actually, there is no rule of thumb in VW restoration. You can restore the vehicle in a very short time and use fabricated parts and accessories. But as much as possible, stick to the original parts and if you can bring the car to its original form, the higher its value becomes. After all, it's not a matter of owning the car, it's the love of driving a Beetle," Ferreria concludes.

Romancing the convertible

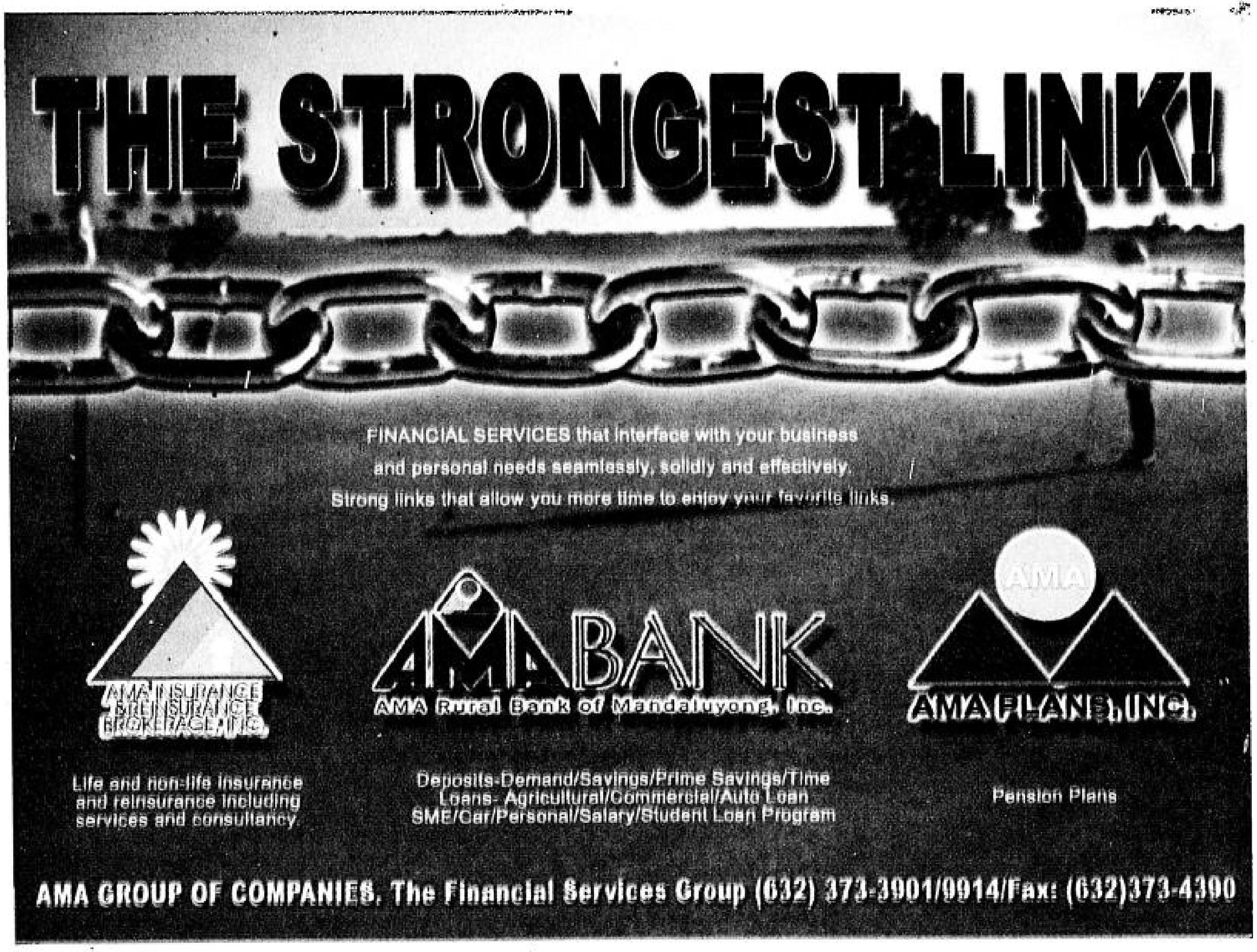
The first time Eddie Roces took a fancy on a convertible was in the late '70s when his father received a 1957 Fairlane 500 Convertible as a gift from a generous friend. His penchant for the convertible took him all the way from Baguio where his family used to live to Manila where he bought a 1969 red and white Beetle Convertible for P12,000 in 1976. Surprisingly, he discovered that the Beetle was a car built to climb Baguio.

"The more I learned about the car, the more I appreciated it," he says.

Three years later, Roces purchased a 1961 Karmann Ghia Convertible from the late CC de Castro who was regarded as one of the most avid cat collectors in the world. This he did after learning from Ferreria that the Karmann Ghia Convertible was a highly-collectible car next to the Porsche Speedster 365.

"Actually, CC de Castro did not want to sell the car at first because of its rarity. I think Volkswagen made only a few of the Karmann Ghia Convertible. So we made a deal. I had to look for a car which he did not have that time. Luckily, I found a flashy Cadillac and bought it for P40,000 then swapped the unit with his Karmann Ghia," Roces beamingly recalls.

Until this day, Roces drives around his Beetle and Karmann Ghia convertibles and had even passed on the latter to his son. "He's taking good care of it now," he says with a smile.



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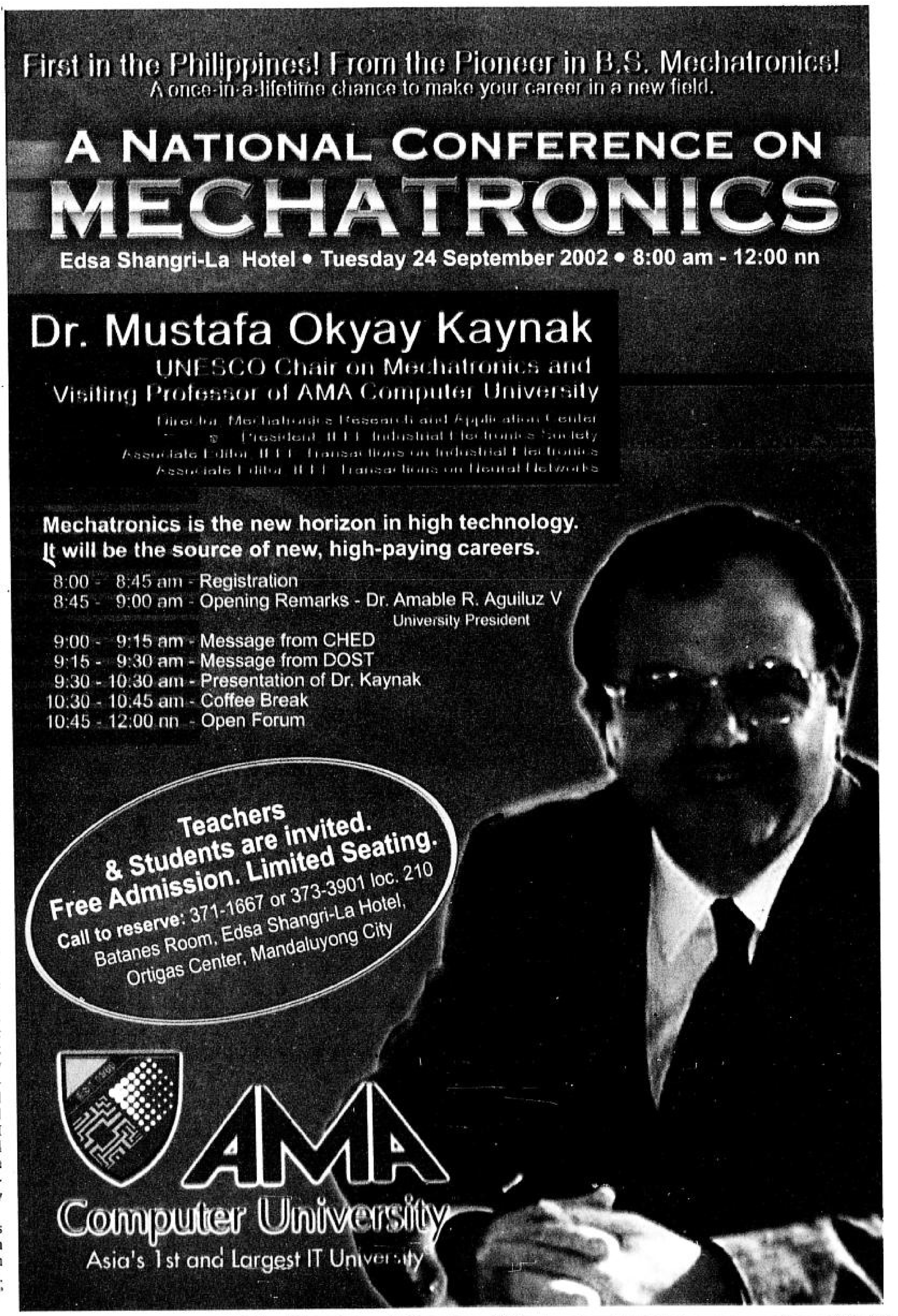

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Code No.	*Location*	*Land Data*	*Floor Price*
01	Brgy. Silang Junction West Tagaytay City	10,000 sqm. subdivision lot	P22M
02	Cherry Homes Compound E. Rodriguez Ave., Moonwalk Village, Brgy. La Huerta Parañaque City	303 sqm. house & lot	P1.914M
03	Imperial Royale Townhouse Brgy. Talon Dos (Pamplona) La Piñas	66 sqm. house & lot	P1.518M
04	•Site 1 (315 N-W side of P. Herrera St. 25 meters N-W or 2 lots away from Pateros Nat H.S.	277 sqm. lot	P693,000.00
05	•Site 2 (N-E corner of S. Castillo & C. Sexon Sts. 200 meters N-E from Pateros Nat. H.S. within Brgy. Tavacalera	166 sqm. lot	P1.063M
06	Brgy. Bagong Lipunan, Cubao Quezon City	70 sqm. lot	P980,000.00
07	Brgy. Andagao, Kalibo, Aklan	819 sqm. lot	P1.47M
08	Km Post 439 Brgy. Balao, Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro	2,520 sqm. lot & cocktail	P504,000.00
09	Torre, Mangatarem, Pangasinan with improvement. Lot is along Provincial Road of Urbiz, Mangatarem, Pangasinan	300 sqm. house & lot	P502,858.00
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20	1 unit	1995 Toyota Tamaraw FX (TSE-132)	P168,750.00
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The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defects or informalities contained therein or accept the offer/bid considered most advantageous.

For further information regarding the other terms and conditions, please call 5270057 or 5259394 loc. 103.

(Sgd.) **EDWIN A. REMODO**
Chairman-AMC

September 21 & 22, 2002 – Inquirer

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Save the Children (USA) will be implementing a maternal and child health care project in selected areas in Sulu province. The project management office has an opening for a Finance and Administrative Officer who will be reporting to the National Finance Manager of Save the Children (USA).

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2ND INVITATION FOR NGOs TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office No. IV invites Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to prequalify and bid for services to implement community organizing work in the following bays under the Income Diversification Component of the Fisheries Resource Management Project (FRMP).

BAY	PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITIES
Ragay Gulf	Quezon	Buenavista, Guinayangan, Tagkawayan

NGOs that are to be considered for prequalification preferably should have at least five years relevant experience on community organizing for livelihood development and coastal resource management in the provinces and areas mentioned above.

The general scope of work involves organization work to establish community-based organizations; continuing assistance to the community organizations to build up membership and develop leadership and capability in undertaking coastal resource management and micro-enterprise activities; and assistance in FRMP implementation at local levels.

Amount the specific activities to be undertaken by the selected NGO includes:

1. Strengthening of fisherfolk associations and other self-help groups in the coastal communities to engage in income diversification and micro-enterprise activities;
2. Initiation of primary cooperatives to essentially become multi-purpose cooperatives, giving more attention to complementation of water-based and land based activities;
3. Assist BFAR in the conduct of education and training that is focused in mobilizing the organizational capability of their cooperatives to access external opportunities and potentials towards empowerment;
4. Assist BFAR in the conduct of LGU planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of various CRM concepts and best practices; and; institutionalization of such in the local development plans; and
5. Continue the unfinished scope of work by the previous contracted NGO in the said Bay.

Interested NGOs must submit notarized prequalification statements together with the required documents to the BFAR Regional Office No. IV which have jurisdiction over the areas where they are interested in working. Documents must be properly "tabbed" to correspond with each pre-qualification requirement and should be received not later than 5:00 PM on October 11, 2002. Attention: The Chairperson, Prequalification, Evaluation and Awards Committee. Forms for prequalification and list of required documents may be obtained from the BFAR Regional Office No. IV.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR MS. ROSA F. MACAS
ADDRESS: 2nd Flr, ICC Bldg., NIA Road, NIA Compound,
EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City
CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS: 926-86-16 (Telefax);
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BFAR Regional Office No. IV reserves the right to reject any or all bids as well as to waive any defect or informality in the submitted bid documents. It also reserves the prerogative to accept any bid it may consider as most responsive and advantageous to the Government.

(Sgd.) **ROSA F. MACAS**
Regional Director

(PDI - September 22 & 29 2002)

INQUIRER TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

Money-Making

Q. What is paper money made of?

A. For obvious reasons, the exact ingredients remain a state secret. What we do know is that paper currency is printed on sturdy paper composed of cotton and linen, hard to tear and made to last. Tiny red and blue silk or nylon threads are scattered throughout the paper for extra strength, and to make it difficult to copy. The ink is also of a secret formula.

For the Record. In ancient Rome, as in most other places then, women paid the family bills and managed the money. If a wife had to pay seven different things, she divided the money into seven small bags, labeled for food, cloth, grain, or whatever else she had to buy. In the Latin language spoken in Rome, the bag was called a *bulga*. Later, the French borrowed the idea of dividing up the money, only they called the bags *bougette*. The English, in turn, emulated the French, and eventually this system of allocating money for specific purposes was called a *budget*.

Not-So-Famous-First. The first trash can was invented by a Paris police chief, Eugene Poubelle, in 1883. He was irked by the amount of waste paper scattered around the offices of the police station. So he created the trash can — a galvanized iron portable container.

WORD WATCH

Trash (trash) : from the Icelandic *tros*, meaning ''leaves and twigs picked up for fuel.''

PDI – September 22, 2002

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

**Contracting of a Consultant/Contractor
On the Development of ICT for NCIP - PHI/02/M02 -
Building Knowledge and Information Network of Indigenous Peoples through
Information and Communications Technology**

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites local consultants/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the Development of an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for the National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP).

The project requires the services of a consultant/contractor who shall undertake the following:

On the formulation of the ISSP

- Assist and provide advice/guidance/inputs to NCIP in the formulation/development of the ISSP.
- Coordinate with the National Computer Center (NCC) to ensure that the ISSP is in accordance with the guidelines prescribed under NCC Mem.Circular No. 93-3 and NCC MC No. 99-01.

On the website and resource center setup

- Assess and identify IT capacity of NCIP and provide recommendations.
- Develop and design for the website and resource center.
- Set up equipment/computers and server for installation of website and resource center (connectivity to host provider and e-mail).
- Input data generated for the website and resource center based on information and data to be provided by NCIP.
- Link website/resource center to those of other partner/relevant agencies (government, international and local IP networks).
- Ensure operationalization of website and resource center.

On capacity building of NCIP on ICT

- Ensure that NCIP staff are involved at the start of website and resource center development and installation (as part of mainstreaming process)
- Develop a user-friendly training manual/handbook of operations on website and resource center development and management.
- Conduct training to NCIP staff, specifically the core group to be identified by NCIP.

For interested parties, Bid Documents (Eligibility Requirements, Instructions to Bidders and Terms of Reference) may be secured personally, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of PhP 1,000.00 from the following address:

**Development Support Services Center
United Nations Development Programme
7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building
106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, 1229 Makati City
Tel. No. (632) 892 0611 loc. 275
Fax No. (632) 816-4061; 893-9598
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The abovementioned Bid Documents will be released to all interested participants starting 23 September 2002 to 27 September 2002 only. The Bid Documents shall contain all instructions on the rules, procedures, dates and other schedules for the pre-bid conference and opening of bid envelopes, as well as further details on the scope of services required.

UNDP reserves the right to reject any or all the bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer to the UNDP, for and in behalf of NCIP. UNDP assumes no responsibility to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ETHELIND B. CAPUNO**
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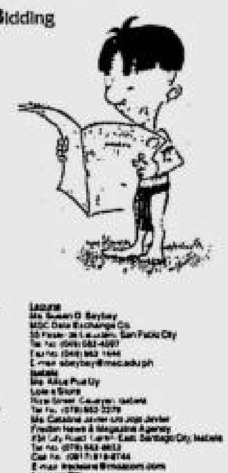

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TROADIO "TEDDY" T. QUIAZON, JR.

Former Secretary of Department of Trade
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Former Professor of Law, University of the Philippines

Who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on September 20, 2002 at the age of 81.

His loving wife CHARING; children MONINA, DONDI, ELIZABETH and ANTHONY; brothers and sisters; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Santuario De San Jose, East Greenhills, Mandaluyong City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, September 24 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Santuario de San Jose.

MESSAGE OF THANKS

We, the family of the late

GLORIA C. BENIGNO

wish to convey our utmost gratitude to all who were with us during our sudden time of grief, offered masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, kept vigil and gave provisions and "love offerings".

We also wish to express our profound appreciation to the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, particularly to: President Fr. Bienvenido Nebres for celebrating the solemn funeral Mass in the Ateneo Chapel at Rockwell and for his uplifting homily; Chaplain Fr. Lito Mangulabnang for co-celebrating the mass and performing the last rites at the Manila Memorial Park; Dr. Alran Bengzon for the reading of the Scripture; the Staff, Faculty and Glo's students - for the heartwarming manifestations of their high and affectionate regard for our departed Gloria.

Thank you all so much.

"Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of our life.
And I will dwell in the house of our Lord forever".

In Loving Memory
of

MEDONG L. FAVIS

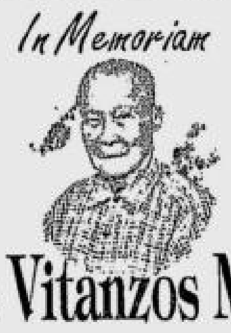
On her Fifth Death Anniversary

September 22, 2002
Holy Masses will be offered at the following churches:

Assumption College San Lorenzo Chapel, Makati City	7:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Chaplaincy, Alabang, Muntinlupa	8:30 a.m.
Santuario de San Antonio Church, Forbes Park, Makati City	6:00 p.m.
St. Alphonsus di Liguori Parish, Magallanes, Makati City	12:00 n.n.
Parish Church of the Resurrection, BF Homes, Parañaque City	6:30 p.m.
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Bel-Air, Makati City	10:30 a.m.
Epiphany Catholic Church, Illinois, U.S.A.	12:00 n.n.

Her family requests the pious readers to remember her in their prayers.

In Memoriam



Ricardo Vitanzos Mendoza

Born: October 22, 1910
Bataan, Philippines
Died: July 15, 2002
California, USA

He is survived by his children: **Tony** and **Ellen (Banzon) Mendoza, Marissa (Mendoza)** and **Noel Camacho, Mariel (Mendoza)** and **Virgilio Aoanan, Remy (Leong)** and **Jun Laroya**; grandchildren **Leslie Mendoza, Lori (Mendoza)** and **Taylor Pham, Patrick Camacho, Lauren Camacho, Sarah Aoanan, Clarisse Aoanan, Michelle (Laroya)** and **Graeme Nix, Jeremy Laroya**; his nieces, nephews, other grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His cremated remains will be interred after the funeral Mass which will be held at Paco Catholic Church on Saturday, September 28, 2002 at 11:00 AM.

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635-0219, 635-0220

ATTY. ANGELES L. SIAN

Died in the Grace of our Lord on September 19, 2002

Her sister **Concepcion**, brothers **Catalino** and **Jesus**, sister-in-law **Leticia**, nephews, nieces, cousins and aunties, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to say a little prayer for the repose of her soul.

The body lies in state at St. Peter Memorial Chapels, (San Lorenzo Ruiz) Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on September 24, 2002 at the La Loma Cemetery after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

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ALEJANDRA MIRANDA	Sept. 22	10:30 AM	Holy Gardens La Union Memorial Park San Fernando City, La Union	#1 Apilado St., Lingsa San Fernando City La Union
AVELINO V. MARQUEZ	Sept. 23	9:00 AM	Holy Gardens La Union Memorial Park San Fernando City, La Union	#223 Dallangayan Oeste San Fernando City La Union
CONSUELO PASCUA	Sept. 23	2:00 PM	Holy Gardens La Union Memorial Park San Fernando City, La Union	Brgy. Catbangen San Fernando City La Union
MARICHU R. PASCUA	Sept. 24	10:00 AM	Holy Gardens Valley Memorial Park Antipolo City	Arlington Chapel Araneta Ave. Quezon City

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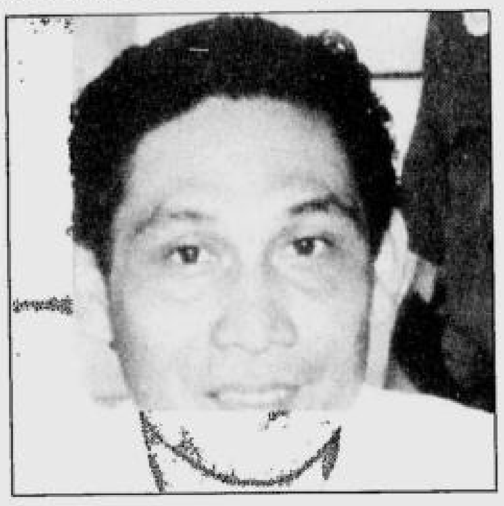

FERNANDO M. BALANGON

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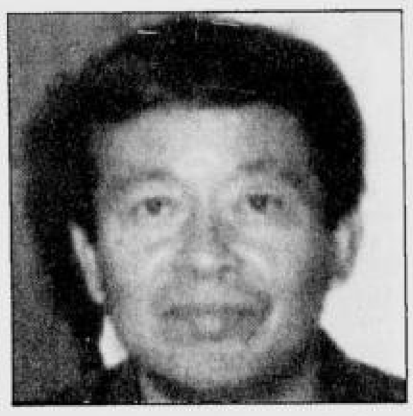

PASCUAL CHUA GO

Monetary reward will be given to anyone who could provide information leading to arrest of **PASCUAL CHUA GO** whose picture appears above. Please call Pinera, Marcella, Romero and Associates. Tel. Nos. 633-8588 and 633-9006.

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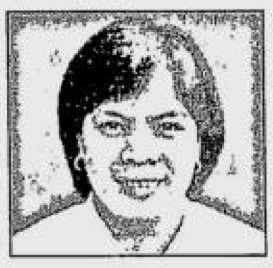
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the general public that a warrant of arrest has been issued by the Regional Trial Court of Batangas, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 13, Lipa City, against



ROWENA PALICPIC ESTRELLANES

of Barangay San Lucas, Lipa City Batangas for malversation under Article 217 of the Revised Penal Code, under Criminal Case No. 0152-2000.

Any information leading to her immediate arrest may be reported to the management of Metro Lipa Water District, Lipa City Batangas with tel. nos. (043) 756-1670, 756-1611, 756-1118, 756-3450, 756-6972.

A reward of P100,000.00 awaits anybody who could give a reliable information that would lead to the immediate and successful arrest of the aforementioned person.

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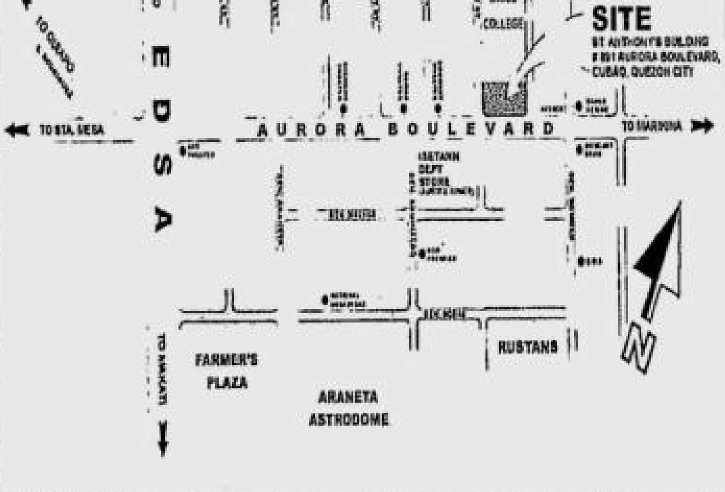

The Livelihood Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Livelihood Corporation (LIVECOR) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for its security services requirements for CY 2002-2003 to be deployed at its various projects with approved budget as follows:

Units/Projects	No. of Guards		Budget
Central Office - Makati City	2	P	466,988 04
Metromart Complex - Mandaluyong City	10		1,404,741 23
Midmart Complex - Quezon City	3		491,684 47
Angeles Livelihood Complex - Angeles City	18		2,084,184 37
Maharlika Livelihood Complex - Baguio City	23		2,125,514.68
TOTAL	55	P	6,573,112.79

Bidding documents can be obtained anytime during office hours at LIVECOR Central Office, 7/F One Corporate Plaza, 845 A. Arnaiz Avenue (formerly Pasay Road), Legazpi Village, Makati City after paying to the Cashier a non-refundable amount of P300.00 only. Interested bidders are invited to attend a Pre-**bidding Conference to be held at the above-given address at exactly 10:00 A.M. of 30 September 2002. Submission and opening of bid proposals and eligibility requirements will be on 15 October 2002, 10:00 A.M. at the same address.** The required eligibility documents are as follows:

1. Letter of Intent
2. Letter authorizing the BAC or its duly authorized representative/s to verify any or all the documents submitted for eligibility check.
3. Statement of the prospective bidder that it is not blacklisted or barred from bidding by any government agency, office or corporation.
4. SEC or Bureau of Domestic Trade Registration Papers;
5. Valid Security License issued by SAGSD (Formerly PCSUSIA)
6. PADPAO Accreditation
7. Income Tax Returns and Audited Financial Statement for the last two (2) years, stamped "Received" by the BIR
8. SSS Certificate of Registration and Premium Remittances for the first and second quarter of 2002
9. Bank certificate of cash deposit as of October 14, 2002
10. List of existing and pending contracts indicating the name, nature, date, amount, complete business address, telephone numbers and contact persons
11. List of Equipment, Supplies and Materials to be provided/offered
12. Computation of Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC). Please refer to Instruction to Bidder's for the Formula
13. An oath certifying that each document submitted is an original copy or a true and faithful reproduction of the original

Failure to comply with any of the above requirements shall be a ground for disqualification to participate in the bidding proper. The Livelihood Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any defects therein and to accept bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Government. For more details, please contact Delia Araña or Eduardo P. Sajonia at Tel. nos. 817-0439 and 817-0771

For the Committee on Bids and Awards:

(Sgd.) LYNDON PAUL R. DAZ
Chairman

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Trans Co

National Transmission Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
AD NO. TRANSCO 2002-003

Bid Date : October 23, 2002-2:00 P.M.
Pre-Bid Conference : October 9, 2002-2:00 P.M.
(CMMS Project Office)

Supply, Delivery, Installation, Configuration and Commissioning of Stationary Single Cell Batteries, 600 Ampere-Hour (4 sets) and 900 Ampere-Hour (1set) @ 8 Hours Rate, Lead Acid or Lead Calcium Vented Type, 24 Cells per Set, 2.0 Volts DC per Cell connected in Series to form 48 Volt DC string

SOURCE OF FUNDING : FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT
APPROVED BUDGET FOR CONTRACT TO BE BID: P2,670,000.00

The following manufacturers/suppliers/distributors are invited to apply for eligibility and to submit sealed bids on the above to be opened publicly at CMMS Project Office, 2nd Floor, Bldg. 2, NPC-OBC, Quezon Ave. cor. Agham Rd., Diliman, Quezon City.

a. Duly licensed Filipino citizens/sole proprietorship;
b. Partnerships duly organized under the laws of the Philippines and of which at least sixty percent (60%) of the interest belongs to citizens of the Philippines;
c. Corporations duly organized under the laws of the Philippines, and of which at least sixty percent (60%) of the outstanding capital stock belongs to citizens of the Philippines;
d. Manufacturers, suppliers and/or distributors forming themselves into a joint venture, i.e., a group of two (2) or more manufacturers, suppliers and/or distributors that intend to be jointly and severally responsible or liable for a particular contract, provided that Filipino ownership thereof shall be at least sixty percent (60%); or
e. Cooperatives duly registered with the Cooperatives Development Authority (CDA).

Only Bids within the Approved Budget for Contract to be bid will be accepted.

Bidding documents are available on **September 16-27, 2002** upon payment of P100.00 which is non-refundable. Issuance of bidding documents shall be from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and can be obtained from the **Office of the Manager, Materials Management Division-TRANSCO**, from Mr. Winifred Z. **Gatus at Ground Floor, Building 2, National Power Corporation, BIR Road cor. Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel. Nos. 921-3479/924-5245, Fax Nos. 922-8432/924-5466.**

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any defect therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Corporation.

(Sgd.) JOSE B. BRILLANTES
Manager, HRA-TRANSCO &
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Sept. 15, 18, 19 & 22, 2002)

PNOC SHIPPING & TRANSPORT CORPORATION
S & L Building, 1500 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines
P.O. Box EA-469, Ermita 1000, Manila
Tel. Nos. 525-9271 to 80
Fax No.: 525-8376

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The Energy Company

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The PNOC SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT CORPORATION (PSTC) invites eligible bidders to submit sealed bids for the DRYDOCKING AND REPAIRS OF MOTOR TANKER (M/T) GOMBURZA. Following are the vessel's particulars:

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Breadth : 14.00 M
Draft : 5.80 M
Draft, LDD : 5.04 M
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Net Tonnage : 1,248.80 MT
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Capacity : 23.50 MB
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Classification : Bureau Veritas

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For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn G. Atotubo at telephone no. 525-92-88 or Mr. Raoul Trinidad at 525-92-89. You can also send your e-mail at rmtrinidad@hotmail.com or you can fax at 525-83-76.

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(PDI--Sept. 22 & 29, 2002)

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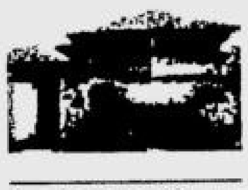

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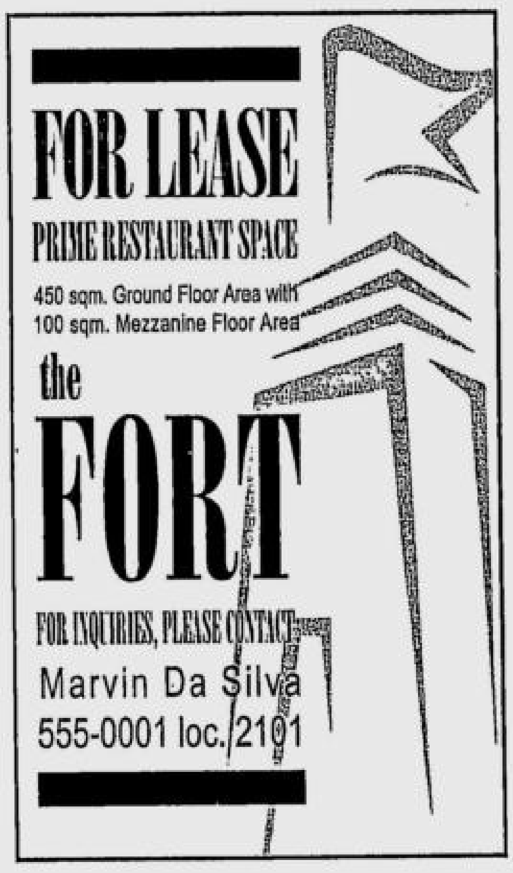
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NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **THELMA N. IGNACIO** was extrajudicially settled among her heirs as per Doc#18; Page#5; Book XXX; Series of 2002. (PDI-Sept. 8, 15 & 22, 2002)

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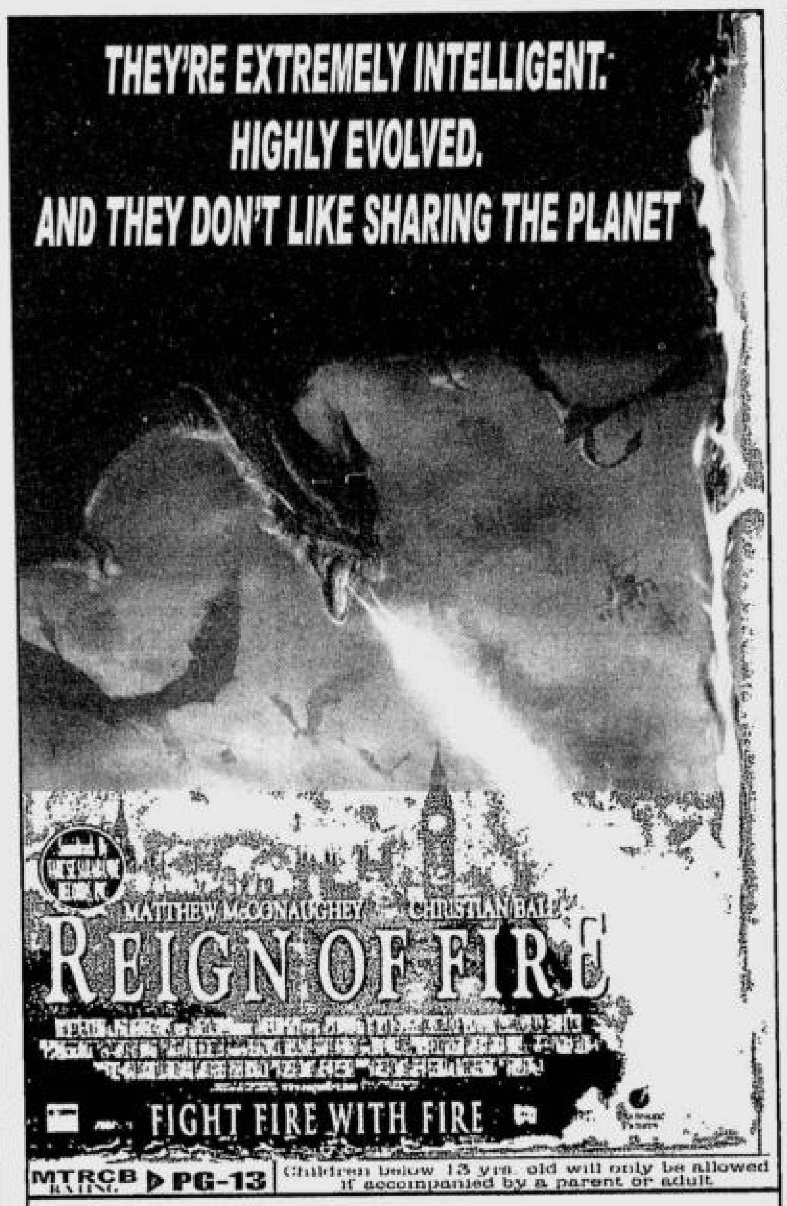
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Carlos leads opening of concept shop

SHOWS

FRESH from the successful opening of Foot Trip with business partner Kris Aquino, Carlos Agassi goes for another strike as he opens his Dickies USA concept shop, 3 p.m. today at the 2/F of Alabang Town Center.

Carlos and his celebrity friends will grace the ribbon cutting.

The event will be set in a complete party mood with boom box and hip-hop music drowning the scene.

Carlos and his celebrity friends will give more fun to the party and sign autographs.

With the opening of his own Dickies USA concept shop, Carlos gets his hands on the Dickies lifestyle and culture that he and the young people love.

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Power Boys

STARSTUDIO mall tour presents "The Power Boys," 4 p.m. today at Robinson's Galleria Fountain Area. The show will feature the Power Boys in special musical numbers with surprise guests.

The Power Boys will also play exciting games with the audience, conduct photo sessions with their fans and sign copies of the magazine.

This month's issue features the Power Boys on the cover, with Boy Abunda's designer shoes and clothes, Willie Revillame's expensive Italian home furnishings, the love story of Lea Salonga and Robert Chien, Bernard Palanca's interesting crossover from music to drama and many more.

Concert series

THE CENTER for Pop Music Philippines will hold a series of concerts to launch promising singing talents in the local entertainment scene.

The first in the series, "Whatever," will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 at the Insular Life Auditorium in Ayala Alabang.

The concert features six outstanding students trained by the Center for Pop Music Philippines, San Pedro, Laguna branch. They are Pocholo Bismonte, Collins Fleischner, Michael John Regalado, Millione Rodelas, Lalaine Karen Yap and Gilzon Lee Villafuerte.

Butch Albarracin, founder and president of the Center for Pop Music Philippines, will direct the concert series.

Other shows are "An Intimate Evening," Sept. 28 at UP Aldaba Hall; "High," Oct. 6 at Streetlife in Glorietta, Makati; "Talking About Singing," Oct. 12 at Ali Mall in Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City; "In Fantasy," Nov. 9 at Insular Life in Ayala Alabang.

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'Groove Nights'

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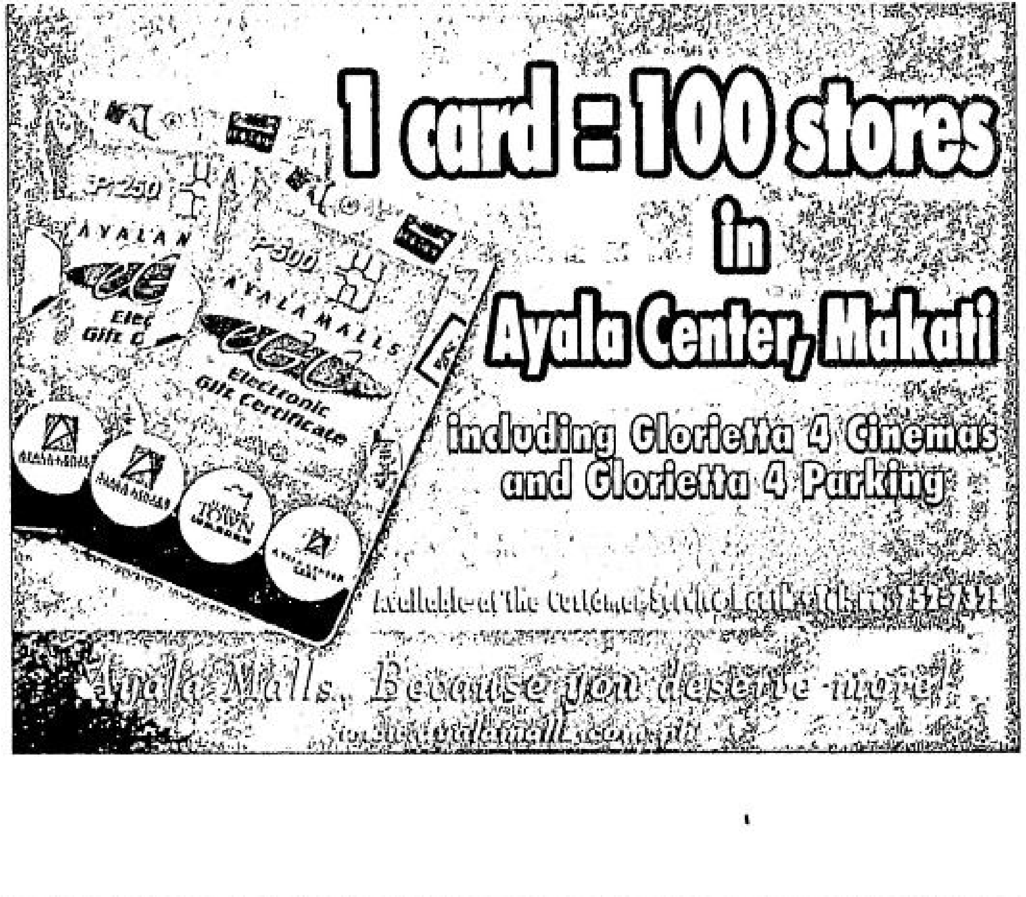
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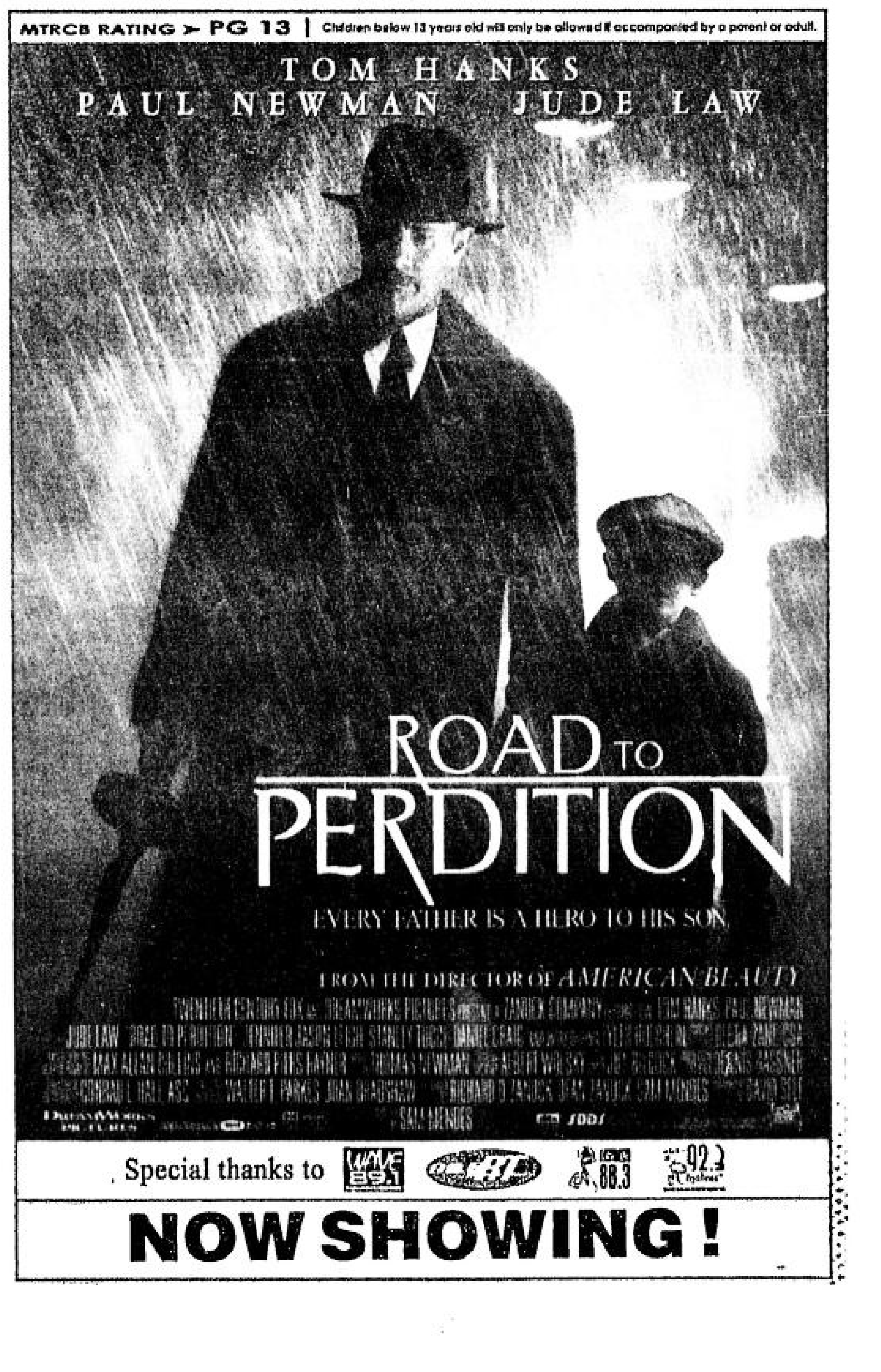
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Diversification makes sinking fish port float

By Juan Escandor
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

CAMALIGAN, Camarines Sur—When the Asian crisis hit the economies in the region in the third quarter of 1997, the Camaligan Fish Port Complex (CFPC), a non-stock and non-profit government corporation here, did not immediately feel the impact until a year later.

In the succeeding years, the CFPC could not seem to pull itself from negative balance sheets until economic survival instinct stirred the management's creativity.

It was a complete financial reversal because before the Asian financial crisis hit Singapore and other tiger economies, the CFPC's sunny side of business had shone brightly for six consecutive years.

Tremors

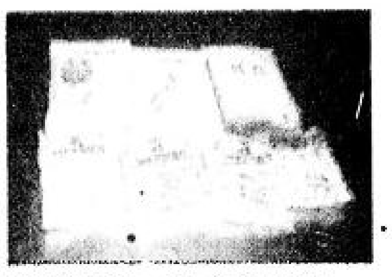
Gloomy prospects set in at CFPC in 1998.

Jose Abarquez, CFPC manager, says first it was a lessor who shut down its facilities in the complex.

The CFPC's electric consumption was shooting up beyond the government corporation's means and its income from other facilities dwindled.

Abarquez says he felt that everything seem to turn against CFPC's survival.

He says what he feared most that time was when the other leasing clients in the CFPC would pack up, and the government corporation would collapse from the pressure of deficit operations.



FINISHED products from the CFPC.

The CFPC was in the fourth straight year of deficit operations in 2001 when the idea of diversification came to his mind and the need to negotiate for a preferential rate from the local power cooperative.

"The idea came like an adrenalin that gives life back to a dying person," he jokes.

Abarquez laid out the ways and means of his diversification plan immediately and prepared to negotiate with the local power cooperative for a lower rate.

CFPC is the biggest consumer in the locality.

He thought that if the fourth year of deficit operations would spill over the fifth year, bankruptcy would become inevitable.

Expansion

The diversification Abarquez drew up was aimed at expanding the services of CFPC to the poultry industry that uses cold storage, ice and refrigerated vans in its forward linkage.

He reasoned that the national agency that directly supervises CFPC's operation is the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture, so that the diversification he planned was justified.

Abarquez was successful in convincing the giants in poultry production to be among the new clients of the CFPC, whose original services were meant for fishery products processors.

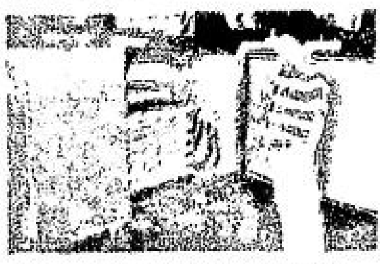
Giving him the green light to tap CFPC's facilities were Purefoods Corp., San Miguel Corp. and Swift.

The pledges of patronage of these corporations to the facilities of the CFPC were enough to boost their morale, he adds.

Abarquez studied all the mutually acceptable negotiation points he would present to the local power cooperative.

Satisfactory results from the right moves came out of the negotiations with the power cooperative reducing the CFPC's monthly operational expenses by about 15 percent.

Flor Jamilano, chief of administrative and finance division, is now looking forward to the recovery of the CFPC's operations.



CFPC manager Jose Abarquez beside a 400-kg freezer.

THE CAMALIGAN fish port complex boasts of state-of-the-art facilities.

From January to August this year, Jamilano was happy to note that the diversification of CFPC's services and other complementary moves of the government corporation had reversed the income trend to a positive P9.1 million.

Incomes posted during 2000 and 2001 were P8.5 million and P10.2 million, respectively.

Recovery

Obviously, Jamilano's financial reading of the government corporation's operation this year tends to boost her claim that CFPC is on its way to recovery, having an operational expenses of just a little more than P1 million.

For one, Abarquez says the three giant poultry producers that have contracted their regular supply of ice had boosted their supply consumption to 100 percent.

This is some 50 percent increase in revenue, he adds.

Aside from some 10 tons of ice the CFPC regularly sells to these companies daily, Swift regularly rents CFPC's refrigerated vans.

Jamilo says they were also successful in convincing the five companies inside the complex to agree on a 10-percent across-the-board increase of the lease amounts.

Abarquez adds that the CFPC has also started collecting fees in providing seminar-workshops for the companies applying for international quality standards certification that the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Department of Health give to food exporters.

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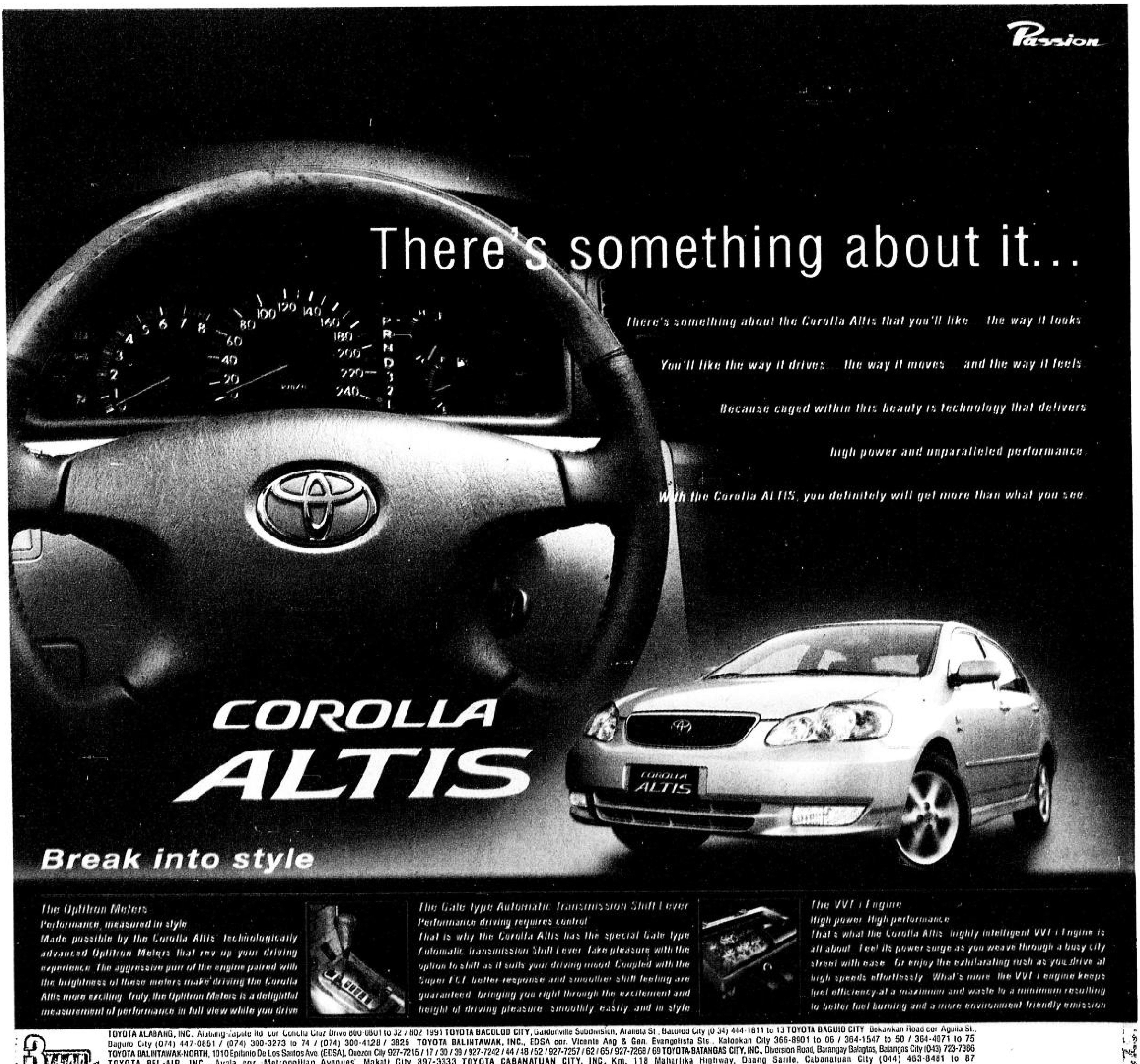
But he said their scale of operation is small compared to bigger fish port complexes in the country.

Abarquez, however, pointed out that their operation is essentially the same with the bigger fish port complexes and what makes their operation peculiar now is the introduction of the diversification scheme.

"The diversification scheme helped us rise from the crisis. The limitations that we had stirred us to think of alternatives if only to survive and continue our services to medium-scale exporters here," he says.



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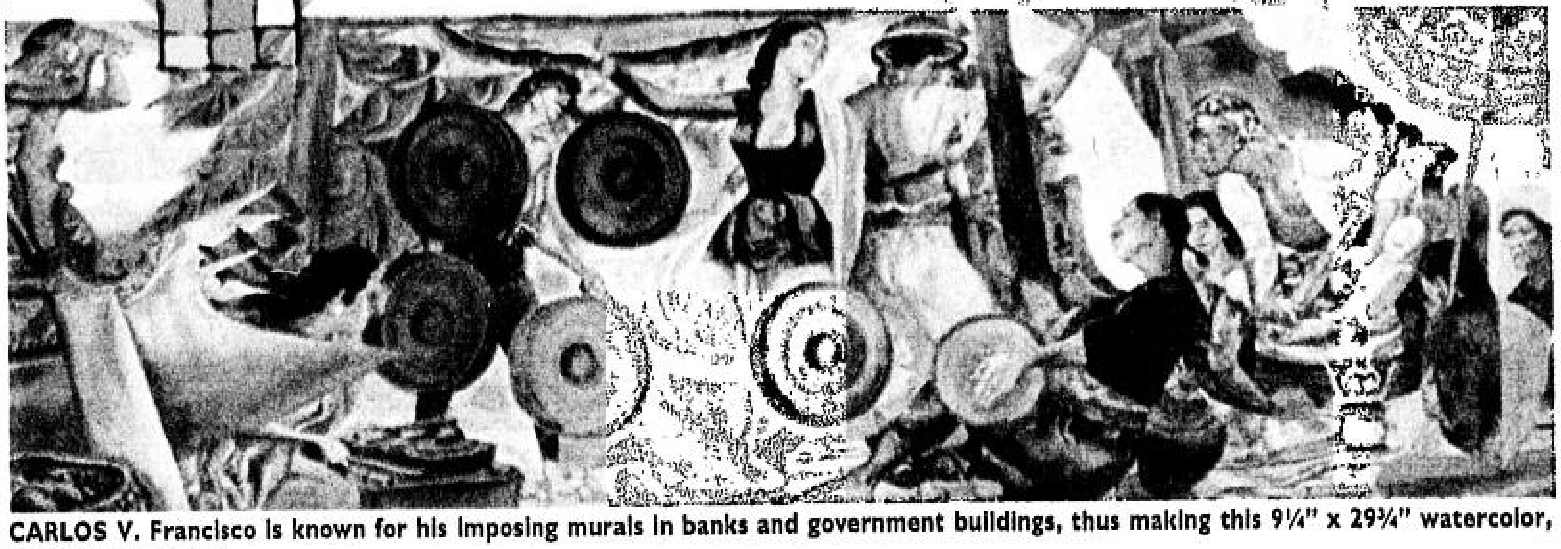

CARLOS V. Francisco is known for his imposing murals in banks and government buildings, thus making this 9¼" x 29¾" watercolor, "Wedding, a rarity.

Important Philippine art to yield $340,000

Works by Manansala, Magsaysay-Ho, Amorsolo and Botong will go under the hammer at Sotheby's biannual Southeast Asian painting auction

By Kitty Go
Contributor

IMPORTANT Filipino paintings will be auctioned off by Sotheby's on Oct. 6 in its biannual Southeast Asian paintings sale at the Regent Singapore. The exhibition will be held Oct. 4-5, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at the hotel's Nassim rooms.

Of the 189 works of art, 24 will be from the Philippines, including those of Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Vicente Silva Manansala, Carlos "Botong" V. Francisco, Fernando Cueto Amorsolo and Hernando Ruiz Ocampo. The Filipino works alone are expected to fetch in excess of $340,000.

Interestingly, many of the pictures date from the 1950s, a decade when Modernism was entrenched in the country. (In the Philippines, Modernism began in the '20s with Edades, Galo Ocampo and Francisco, but did not gain popularity until the '50s.)

In 1948, the Art Association of the Philippines held its inaugural exhibition showing works from Neo-Realists such as H.R. Ocampo, Romeo Tabuena and Manansala. These three artists figure prominently in this season's Southeast Asian paintings sale.

Many paintings, also by other artists in the sale, coincidentally touch on the popular subject of women. A number of pieces are also significant examples of artists' transitions in their styles.

Manansala's magic

In 1949, Manansala spent six months on a Unesco grant at the Ecole de Beaux Arts in Banff, Canada. There he studied with Joseph Plaskett, who taught him to deal with the problems of cubism that later became Manansala's favored art form. In 1950, he studied under a French grant at Ecole de Beaux Arts in Paris and worked with one of the greatest Modernists, Fernand Leger.

Manansala, who was later named National Artist, became known for using a Western form of art, cubism, to express in his work the religion, people and his experiences of his native country. In the early '50s, his work reflected the harsh reality of postwar urban living. In "Madonna of the Slums" (1950) and "Jeepneys" (1951), the artist used very geometric shapes and acid colors.

Toward the end of the decade, his work developed a different but still consistent style, and "Harvest" (1957, lot 70, estimated at $28,000-$39,000) represents the significant change in his art at that time. In this painting of sculptural images, he sticks to a local subject but switches from the urban scene to the rural activity of the harvest. Colors have been toned down to ochre, black and brown. While his style remained geometric, there was a noticeable "softening" of lines.

Fondness for women

Magsaysay-Ho was a pioneering member of the Art Association of the Philippines. She is better known for her geometric paintings specifically depicting the life of peasant women. Her pictures convey her affection for people at the lowest rung of Philippine society.

Unlike Manansala, who went from cubist to a less geometric form of Modernism, Magsaysay-Ho moved from more fluid lines to geometric. "Fruit Vendors" (1953, lot 88, est. $55,000-$83,000) is a rare piece from the time she was experimenting on the theme of peasant women. This painting marks a transition in her art. It is done in a free and expressive manner, paying more attention to light

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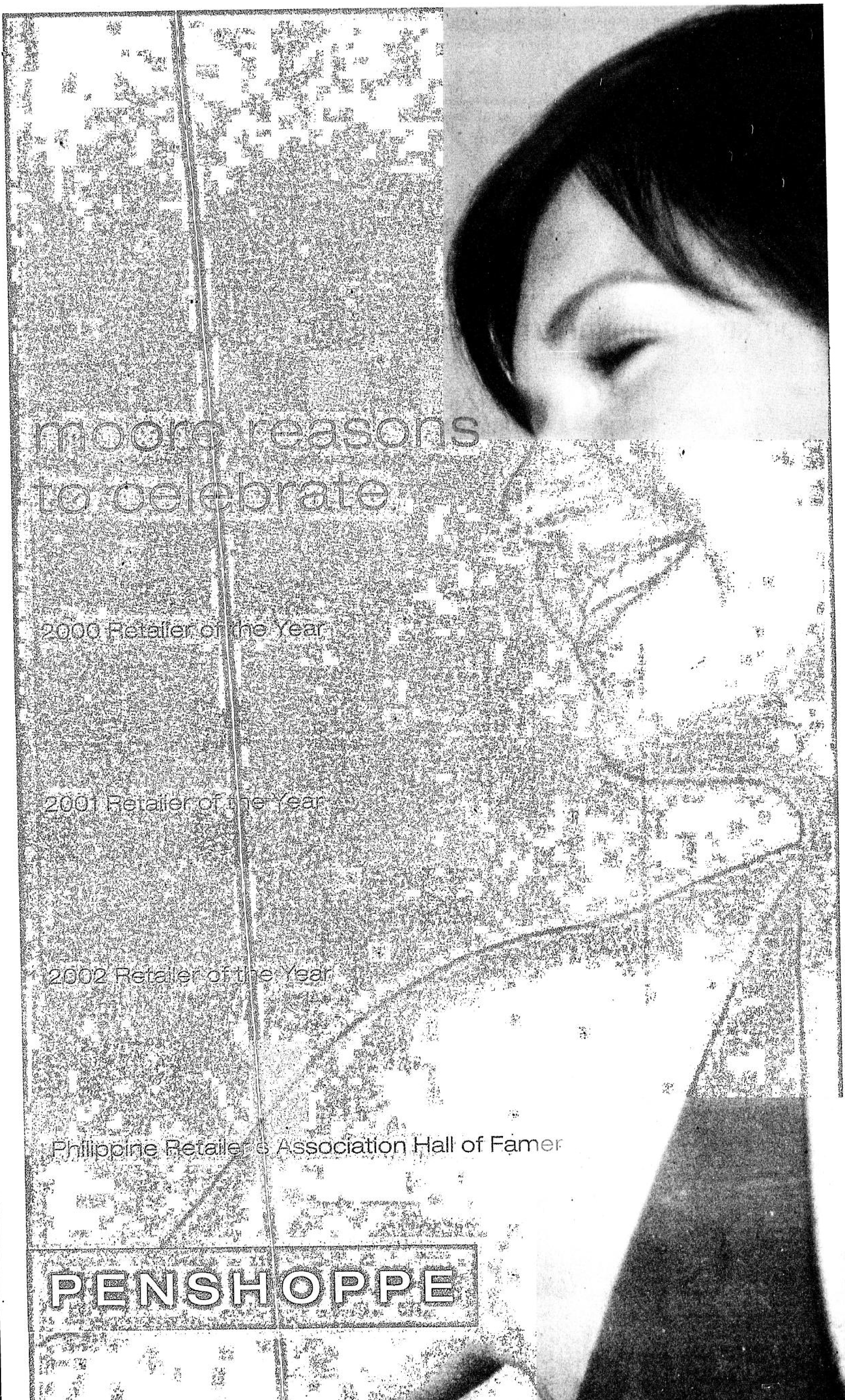

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THE SWISS Consul in Cebu, Markus Stern, presents a check on behalf of the Consular Chapter to the Cebu Crippled Children Society. Shown are (from left): Frunnie Cagalitan, Ludy Villafuerte, Inday Ascension Avila, Lucy Segura and Belen Japzon.

Enjoying the sights and sounds in Cebu

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Jaime Picornell

GEORGINA Padilla y Zobel (Ms **Luis MacCrohon**) and **Marilou Prieto Lovina** recently visited Cebu. They checked in at the Marriott, and from there, plotted their itinerary. The Ayala Center mall is just a short walk away, and **Carmen Campbell**'s linen shop a little farther.

They had a great time on their visits to the Basilica del Santo Niño, Magellan's Cross, Fort San Pedro, the artisan shop of Robert and Anna Lee, Europa restaurant in Ramos for continental fare, Café Laguna for Filipino specialties and the Beehive for Spanish favorites.

Also in town for a brief visit was Dr. **Jose "Bebe" Barba**, who took time out from his oncology clinic in New York to touch base with his many relatives in Cebu. There was a magical dinner with **Mariquita Yeung** at her villa overlooking the city. And there was a dinner for eight hosted by **Michel** and **Amparito Lhuillier** at their home, which is probably the only one with a hectare of rainforest in Cebu City.

Undoubtedly Cebu's most applauded visitor was pianist **Raul Sunico**, who came for a charity concert dubbed "Remembrances." It was held at the ballroom of the Cebu City Marriott Hotel, which had very good acoustics for recitals like this. The beneficiary was the Bishop Bienvenido Tudtud Home for the Aged in Iligan City.

The "home" is under the patronage of the Diocese of Iligan and houses quite a number of indigent, abandoned old people. Bishop Bataclan, just like the late Bishop Tudtud, hails from Cebu, so he rallied all his friends here to the cause and they happily became benefactors and patrons.

Rev. Fr. **Dodong Desuyo** acted as emcee, led the National Anthem, and presented a video illustrating the urgently need to help the institution. Monsignor Bataclan himself led the invocation. Cebu's Auxiliary Bishop **Julito Cortes** agreed to be the "front act," rendering three songs for which he earned enthusiastic applause—"When You Walk Through a Storm" from "Carousel," "La Vie en Rose" in its original French, and "People" from "Funny Girl." At the Arts Council's grand piano was Bishop **Camilo Gregorio** of Carcar.

The concert began after an introduction of Sunico by **Jane Paredes**, who, in the previous weeks, had done a titan's job of promoting the event. For the first part, the pianist played Rachmaninoff's Prelude in C-sharp minor, Allegro de Concierto by Granados, Liebestraum by Liszt, Impromptu in A-flat by Schubert and four delightful pieces by Chopin—Etude in A-flat, Etude in E, Waltz in C-sharp minor (remember "Les Sylphides"?) and Polonaise in A-flat.

The second part opened with "Sonatine" by Ravel, followed by an enthralling "Clair de Lune" by Debussy. Then came his own arrangements of Filipino songs like Velarde's "Buhat," Gonzalez's Cebuano ditty "Usahay," Zubiri's "Matud Nila," and the folk songs "Bahay Kubo" and "Leron Leron Sinta." The recital ended with Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

Quite a lot of well-known personalities attended, like Monsignor Bataclan's sister **Ligaya Bataclan**, Msgr. **Rudy Villanueva** (Cebu's musical genius in residence), **Luna Briones** and her daughter **Marilou Chiongbian**, **Fely Agudo**, **Josephine Magsaysay**, **Lilian Taylor Borromeo** (spry as ever at 90+), former Cebu Mayor **Ron Duterte**, **Florina Mancao** (among the benefactors), and **Inday Briones Blanco** with cousin **Celi Obina Elliott**, here on a visit as house guest of **Paquito** and **Esther Borromeo**.

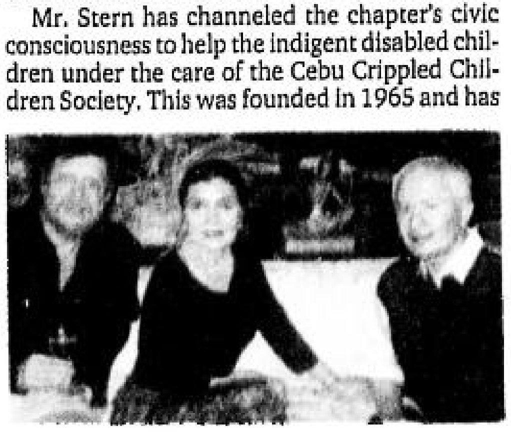
Celi is also a pianist of note, and lives in a beautiful home that accommodates several grand pianos in Baltimore, Maryland. She told Sunico, during their "update" chat after the concert, that another Filipino pianist, **Reynaldo Reyes**, lived just 10 minutes away. What's more, come Oct. 16, Reyes and **Ingrid Sala Santamaria** will have a concert in the Maryland area and Celi is going to be in the midst of it all.

CCP fellowship

The Cebu chapter of the Consular Corps of the Philippines had a fellowship at Europa Restaurant. Everything served was excellent, from the caviar canapés to the crisp salad, slabs of fresh salmon or steak, and blueberries in cream for dessert. Among those present were Austria's Mr. and Ms **Arcadio Alegrado** (he's the charter chair), Belgium's Mr. and Ms **Enrique Benedicto**, Sweden's Mr. and Ms **Jose Sala**, DFA's **Rodion Rojas**, China's **Lu Rui Xiang** and **Wang Ji Lu**, Japan's **Takahashi Suzuki**, Canada's Mr. and Ms **Robert Lee**, Slovakia's **Antonio Chiu**, Portugal's Mr. and Ms **Samuel Chioson** and Switzerland's **Markus Stern**.

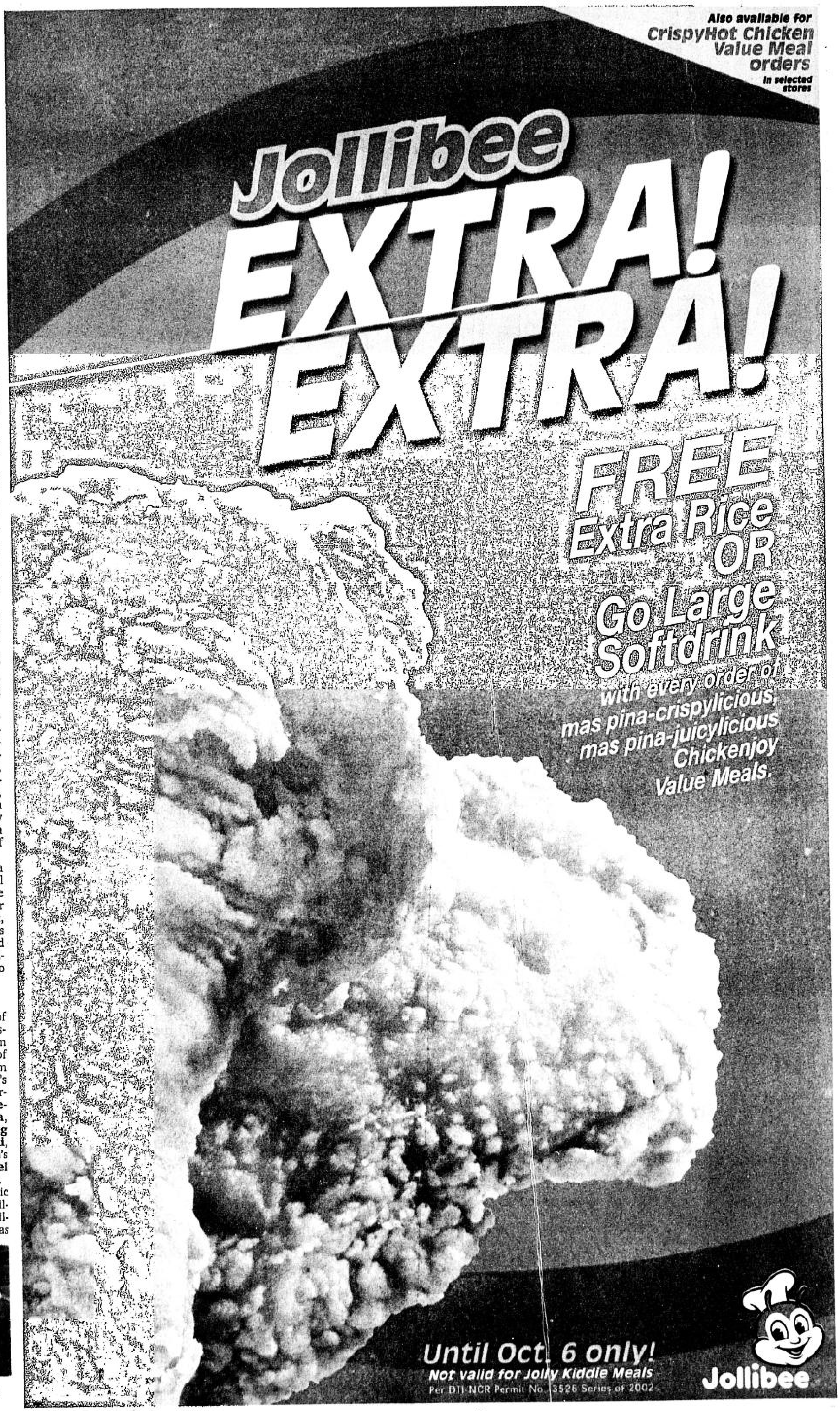
Mr. Stern has channeled the chapter's civic consciousness to help the indigent disabled children under the care of the Cebu Crippled Children Society. This was founded in 1965 and has a school (pretty crowded, too) within the complex of the Vicente Sotto Memorial Hospital. On various occasions, the Cebu consuls have come to the aid of the children. Recently it was quite a hefty check for an operation to provide a darling little girl with an artificial leg.

To continue doing this, the consuls' chapter is organizing a fund-raising dinner on Nov. 14 at Europa, complete with a gourmet menu, piano music, wine auction, door prizes and fun in the spirit of sharing with the less fortunate.



MICHEL and Amparito Lhuillier at home with Dr. Bebe Barba

AT AYALA Center: Carmen Campbell, Marilou Prieto Lovina, Georgina Padilla y Zobel and Teresing Mendezona



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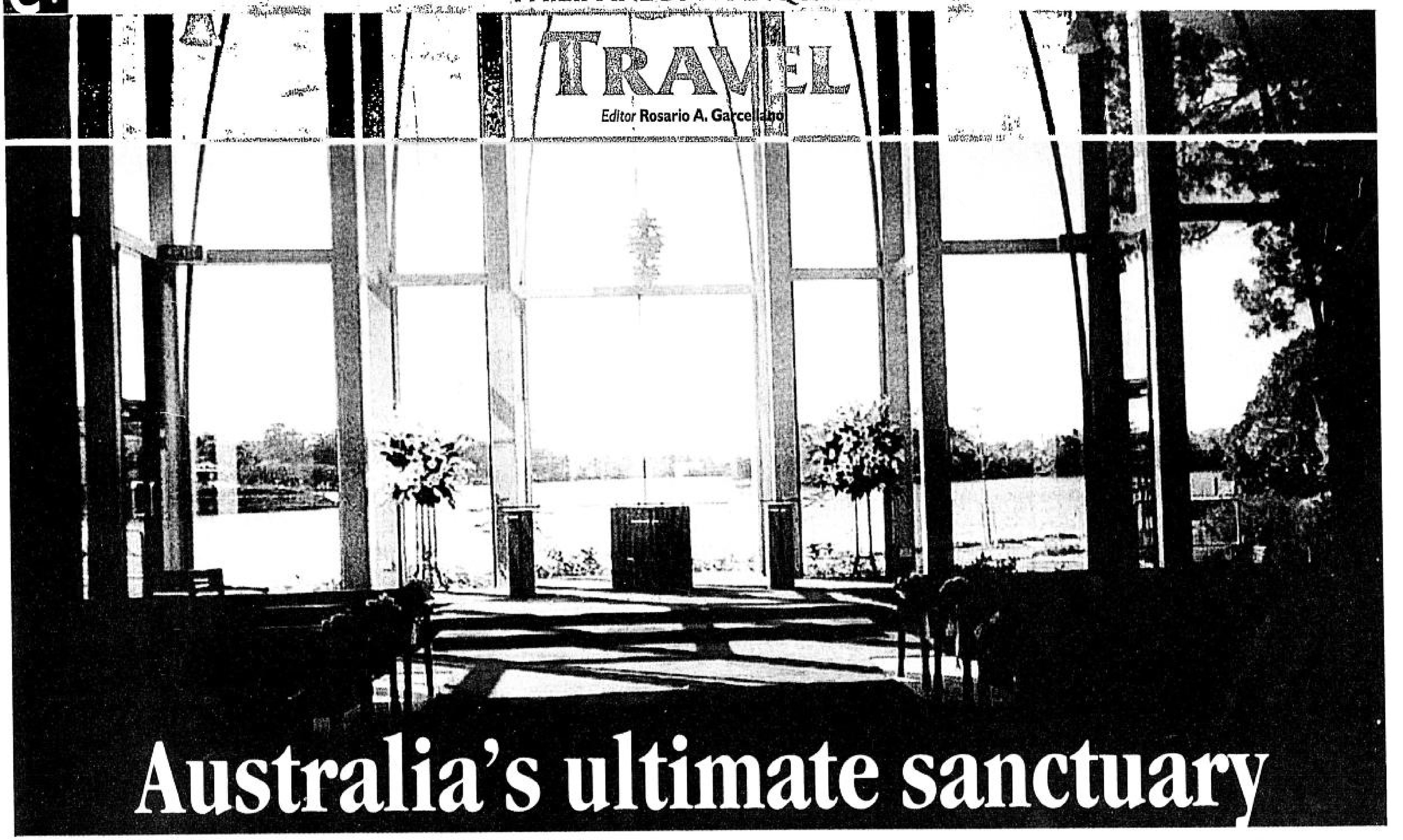


Australia's ultimate sanctuary

Text and photos by Angelina G. Goloy
Contributor

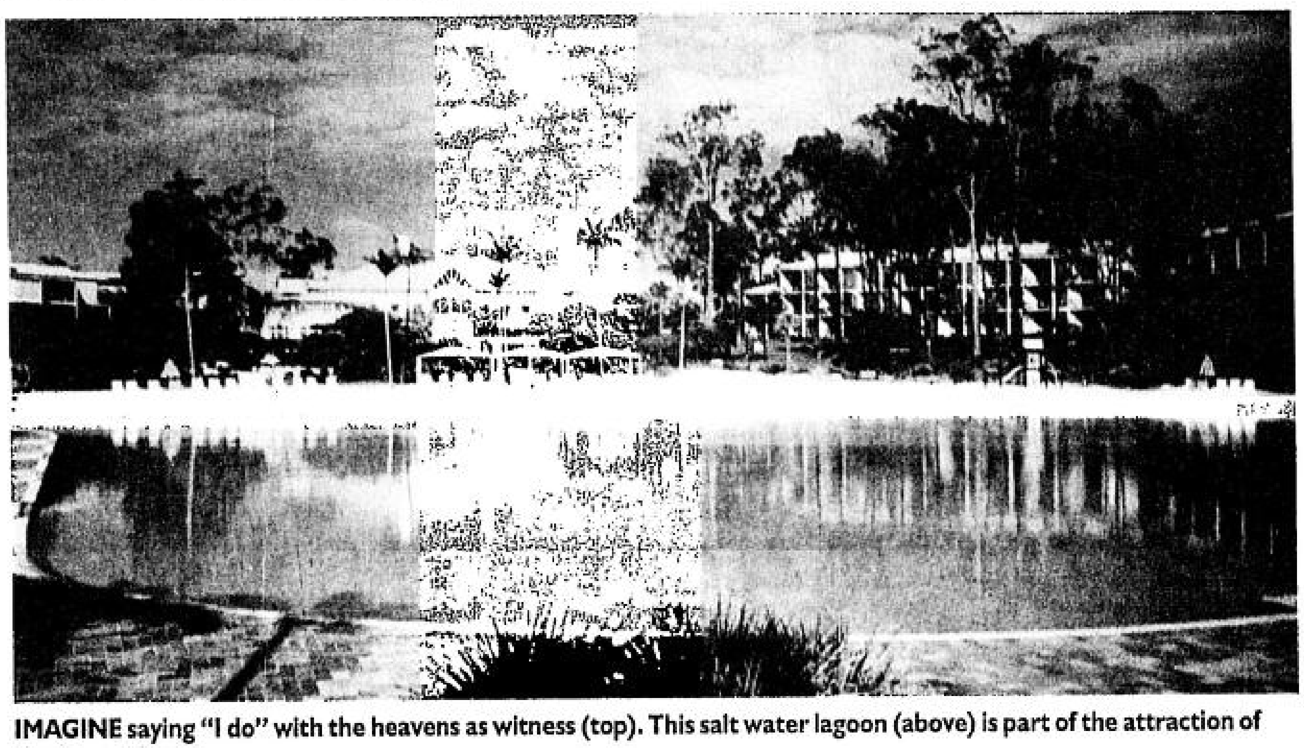
BILLED as "the ultimate resort," Sanctuary Cove in Gold Coast, Queensland, is Australia's contribution to the list of exclusive enclaves of the world's wealthy.

The impeccably landscaped 474-hectare property was designed primarily for people who indulge in two of the most expensive recreational activities—golf and sailing.

Its key attractions are a 330-berth marina and two championship golf courses, one of which is the only Arnold Palmer signature course in Australia, The Pines. Drawing two million visitors a year, it is also the venue of the annual International Boat Show, an important marine event in the Asia-Pacific region.

Over and above that, Sanctuary Cove is a self-contained "marina town" consisting of residential areas with villas, townhouses, and retirement homes, a 100-unit store-and-office complex, and a five-star hotel, the Hyatt Regency. It is Australia's first fully integrated resort, developed around four man-made harbors on the Coomera River.

The Gold Coast businessman who developed the property envisioned a secure refuge for residents and visitors, hence (presumably) the name. Mike Gore, according to newspaper accounts, "promised to keep the cockroaches of society out," and as though to set the standard, he hired Frank Sinatra to perform at its opening in 1988. (The businessman, who made a fortune in used-car dealership, died in 1994. His resort is now owned by an international consortium.)



IMAGINE saying "I do" with the heavens as witness (top). This salt water lagoon (above) is part of the attraction of the Great House.

> It's a self-contained 'marina town'—close to nature but not too isolated

Not a town or a district but a real estate development covered by a Queensland government act, Sanctuary Cove is, one imagines, ideal for those seeking temporary escape from the business and social whirl and swirl—close to nature without being too exotic or isolated. It's less than an hour from the Brisbane airport, where Qantas flies direct from Manila on Sundays and via Sydney on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Only 12-15 minutes away are Warner Bros. MovieWorld, Dreamworld, and other theme parks along the Pacific Highway, and 20 minutes farther south is Gold Coast's beach capital, Surfers Paradise.

Unlike the usual resorts where guests go to town to shop and dine, this one has everything out-of-towners will ever need right within the property. The waterfront store-office complex, called The Marine Village, is a short leisurely walk (either through the gardens or by the waterway) from the hotel. It's a virtual village hub, with shops, boutiques, cafés, restaurants, art galleries, a theater, a market with fast-food counters, a general store, a brewery, a health and fitness center, sports and leisure facilities, and a bakery (tended by an articulate Filipino attendant), as well as offices, a medical clinic, a bank, a postal station, even a pet shop and veterinary clinic.

The resort's focal point is the Hyatt, built in a wooded area where more than a hundred plant species grow. The main building, The Great House, is designed like a grand 1940s Queensland colonial homestead, with sprawling terraces at the back, overlooking lush gardens, fountains, a salt water beach lagoon and a spa.

Built around the main building are the 247 guest rooms, each with a private furnished balcony overlooking either the marina or the golf courses. Mine offered a view of the waterway, and almost right below the balcony, something unexpected: a chapel.

A house of God amid such luxuriant surroundings struck one as a counterpoint, but one quite fitting. To one who is light-years away from the privileged lives that typical resort guests live, the chapel was a sanctuary. Floor-to-ceiling glass walls lavish the visitor with unobstructed views of the serene waterways and lovely gardens, inspiring reflection on the real riches in this world.

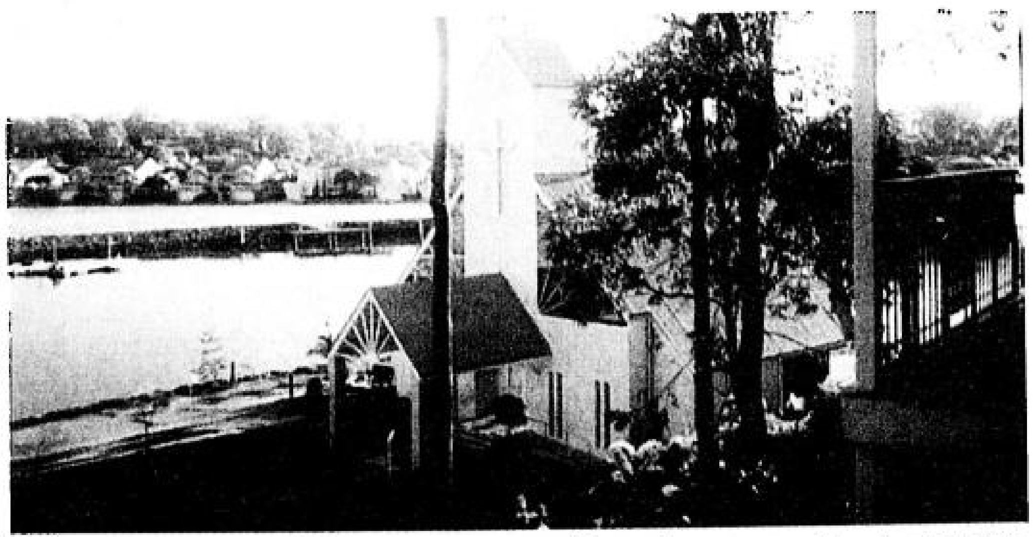
However, the Sanctuary Cove Chapel was not part of the original development concept. It was built only last year, primarily for weddings, apparently as an offshoot of the resort's growing popularity as a honeymoon destination. The glass wall behind the altar offers a uniquely breathtaking backdrop for the romantic rites, as though letting the heavens in to bear witness to pledges of everlasting love and devotion.

A search on the Internet for more information about the chapel, which is not mentioned in the hotel brochures, led to another Sanctuary Cove in Tucson, Arizona. Interestingly, this one is known for the All Creeds Chapel, a place meant for meditation but which also used to be a popular wedding site until the community folk decided that they had had enough of wedding parties constantly intruding into their peace.

But Sanctuary Cove in Gold Coast, Australia, besides being a golfing and sailing mecca, is now more than ever one of that country's premier wedding/honeymoon destinations as well, with the construction of the chapel. It does lend itself well to savoring solemn, private moments, with the humdrum everyday world kept at a safe distance.

Qantas and Hyatt are sponsors of the Australian-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce, Inc. Awards for Outstanding Journalism. Besides Sanctuary Cove, this year's host hotels are Grand Hyatt Melbourne and Hyatt Regency Auckland.

A FOUNTAIN with frolicking gilded dolphins is symbolic of the Marine Village theme.



THAT'S the chapel as seen from a hotel window and through gum trees, with waterways and apartments in the background.

One of France's best kept secrets

VALLERAUGUE, France—With its rugged mountains cloaked in chestnut trees and dotted with medieval hamlets that still offer some of the country's best goat cheeses, the isolated Cevennes region is perhaps one of France's best kept secrets.

For centuries, these wild and romantic hills were virtually impenetrable, and even now they still offer those who explore them the increasingly rare sense they are treading where few have been before.

Lying to the southeast of the Massif Central, about 80 kilometers north of the Mediterranean city of Montpellier, the region is a paradise for lovers of the outdoors. It offers everything from hiking and canoeing down deep ravines to the riskier activities of caving and canyoning.

But the Cevennes also has a varied and sometimes grim history.

It is the land of the Camisards, Protestant peasants who rebelled against persecution in the early 18th century following the repeal of the Edict of Nantes, which established legal toleration of France's Protestant population.

The bloody wars left a lasting impression on its hardy, pious inhabitants, who live mainly in small villages enclosed by stone walls and under the towering gaze of a church spire.

One of France's poorest areas, the Cevennes attracts many writers, artists and hippies eager to escape from the hordes of Parisians and other tourists who flock to nearby Provence every year.

They roam the region's rustic markets in search of homemade pâtés, donkey-meat *saucissons* (dried sausages), organic eggplants or the earthy wines of the Languedoc.

Others spend their days gently floating in the Herault and Tarn rivers, or fishing for trout. Some don camouflage to illegally catch crawfish and frogs.

"A friendlier, more gentle way of life has been left behind here," says Tom Vernon, a British documentary producer who has retired near the village of Valleraugue to write a novel.

The stone village has two delightful cafés by the river where one can sip *pastis*, read a book, or watch locals play *la petanque*, a game where two teams take turns throwing heavy steel "boules" to land as close as possible to a little wooden ball.

The village is an ideal jump-off point to explore the 1,567-meter Mount Aigoual, which lies on the edge of the 910-square-kilometer Cevennes National Park, one of seven such nature reserves in France and the only one with a resident population in its central zone. Unesco named it a world biosphere reserve in 1985 to help roll back deforestation.

The path is steep as it starts out from Valleraugue, but it is thankfully shaded by thick beech and chestnut woodland, winding its way past ruins of shepherd huts before emerging onto a jagged ridge with views overlooking deep ravines.

Be prepared, however, to dive into the bushes to escape a head-on collision with mountain bikers hurtling down—who, like you, don't really expect to encounter anyone else.

From the summit there is an impressive view of a desolate limestone plateau on one side and Mount Lozere's long granite ridges covered in heather on the other.

The summit is crowned by a meteorological observatory that houses a collection of photos depicting weather patterns, types of clouds and winds or snow. (But the handful of hikers at the top seemingly preferred to take a nap in a field amid the buzz of cicadas.)

The more intrepid hikers—and literary fans—can follow the 190-kilometer Robert Louis Stevenson Trail, named after the famous Scottish author of "Treasure Island." He put the region on the map with his 1879 book, "Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes."

Trekkers today can stay in numerous *gites d'etapes*, hostels that vary in size and comfort but usually guarantee a friendly welcome and a home-cooked meal. The less energetic can retrace the main points of his journey from Le Monastier-sur-Gazeille to St-Jean-du-Gard by car.

For the non-hikers, the Tarn gorges and Herault River valleys are wonderful to explore by canoe, though you'll be disappointed if you're looking for challenging white water rafting. The rivers are calm.

Canoes can be rented in the slightly touristy (at least by the region's standards) but pleasant town of Florac, which is full of small hotels and is a good place from which to tour the hills.

You can also rent a donkey to carry your pack if you want to follow in Stevenson's footsteps. But be warned, most trekkers say it's a bit of a nightmare. *AP*

RP opens its doors to the world

SURIGAO CITY—With the World Tourism Association's declaration of 2003 as "Visit Philippines Year," the Philippines is opening its doors to the world.

"This is the first time in history that the country was named by the World Tourism Association as an international tourist destination," Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab said at the recent 11th Mindanao Business Conference in this city.

He said the election of Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon as chair of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (Pata) for the period 2003-2004 further boosted the country's tourism efforts and paved the way for Visit Philippines 2003.

According to Palabyab, prospects for the Philippine tourism industry appeared brighter than ever. He cited the 3.7-percent growth in tourist arrivals starting last February—the first positive growth rate recorded by the tourism sector in the last three years—as well as the subsequent impressive growth rates of 10.4 percent and 10 percent in May and June, respectively.

Taking off from the government's "Wealth of Wonders" (WOW) slogan, the Philippines has embarked on a sustained television advertising effort, mainly in CNN-Asia and BBC-Europe, with its "More Than The Usual" campaign.

Palabyab said the country's aggressive tourism promotions campaign had paid off, as indicated in the awards it received in two of this year's most prestigious international trade fairs—the International Tourismus Borse in Berlin, where it won the "Overall Best Marketing Effort" plum, and the Korea World Travel Fair in Seoul, where it was proclaimed "Most Prominent Exhibitor" and "Best in Folklore Performance."

Among the country's high-impact tourism promotional programs is the Volunteer 12 (V12) Program, which enjoins all Filipinos residing here and abroad to serve as tourism volunteers.

"If the 7.3 million Filipinos living abroad will be able to convince at least one tourist a year to visit the country, this will automatically translate into 7.3 million tourists," Palabyab said.

Translated into economic terms, if these 7.3 million tourists will stay in the country for an average of five days and spend at least $120 a day, this will generate $4.4 billion in revenues for the Philippines, he said.

A total of 10,493 Filipinos living overseas have registered with the program, and 766 of them have brought in 3,619 foreign guests since October last year.

Palabyab said the V12 program would have a "multiplier effect" because it would benefit not only the Philippines' mainstream tourism industry but also other downstream tourism-related sectors such as the entertainment, food and transportation businesses.

"The ultimate goal of the V12 program is to establish a culture of tourism and convince stakeholders that tourism is the fastest way to prosperity," he said.

The 11th Mindanao Business Conference was hosted by the Surigao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry and supported by the provincial and city governments of Surigao, the Department of Trade and Industry Regional Office XI, the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Mindanao Business Council, and the USAID-funded Growth with Equity in Mindanao Program. *GEM*

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Pusan Asian Games

KOREAN carrier Asiana Airlines (OZ) is offering a package tour from Manila that includes a chance to watch the 14th Asian Games.

The Asian Games, where the 218-member Philippine team will compete in 30 events, will kick off on Sept. 29 in Pusan, South Korea. The Asian Games torch is expected to reach the Quirino Grandstand in Manila today.

Asiana's five-day, four-night package starts with a tour of Seoul covering the historic Kyungbok Palace, the National Folklore Museum, the presidential residence called Blue House, the World Cup Stadium and a trip through the Itaewon shopping district.

The second day will be spent at the Everland Theme Park, one of Asia's largest, and which offers ultra-modern rides, a petting zoo, character parades, shops and the famous Jungle Safari where live lions, bears and tigers get up close and personal with visitors.

On the third day, travelers will watch the scheduled sports event at the Pusan Stadium and visit city landmarks including the Pusan Tower, Yongdusan Park, Jagalchi Fishery Market and UN Cemetery.

Travelers will spend the fourth day at the nearby city of Kyongju where the Pulguksa Temple, a Unesco World Heritage site, is located, before heading back to Seoul for more tours and shopping.

The package starts at $770 for a minimum of 10 passengers and covers nearly all meals, round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations and transportation. The cost excludes the price of tickets for the Asian Games event.

For inquiries, call your travel agent or Asiana at 892-5696 to 98, or log on to flyasiana.ph.

MUSIC to soothe the soul in Macau

Pilgrimage tour

A PILGRIMAGE to Portugal, Spain, France and Italy and a sight-seeing tour of the historic and cultural places there has been scheduled on Oct. 18-31.

The highlights of the journey organized by writer Visitacion "Chit" de la Torre include an audience with the Pope at St. Peter's Square in the Vatican, a tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, and a visit and procession to Fatima and Lourdes.

In between are stops at religious-cultural centers such as the St. Mary Majors Basilica in Rome; the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Miraculous Medal chapel of St. Catherine Laboure in Paris; the Church of San Antonio de Padua in Lisbon; the Church of the Holy Miracle in Santarem which holds a relic of the "Bleeding Host;" the Church of Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Salamanca; the Gothic cathedral and the charming plazas in Burgos; the Mediterranean town of Nice; the Leaning Tower of Pisa; the Shrine of St. Padre de Pio at San Giovanni Rotondo; and Lanciano, the site of the first eucharistic miracle.

In Rome, pilgrims will also view the archaeological area of the Roman Forum, Via Sacra, and the church of Santa Croce which holds the relics of Jesus' crucifixion.

In the medieval town of Assisi, which is famous for its architecture and art, pilgrims will visit the churches of St. Francis and St. Clare.

For inquiries, call 815-6925, 815-4938, or 0918-915-9337.

Musical Macau

COME alive to the sound of music at the 16th Macau International Music Festival on Oct. 4-23.

Organized by the Cultural Institute of Macau, the festival will offer 14 concert programs covering opera, symphony works, chamber and contemporary music from renowned performers of the East and West.

Among the works to be featured are the opera "La Bohéme," which is set in the Paris' Left Bank in the early 19th century and traces the lives of four young bohemians—a poet, a painter, a musician and a philosopher—in quest of truth, beauty and love.

Other highlights are the Choir of Westminster Abbey, a semi-staged performance of Shanghai songs, and a closing concert by the New York Philharmonic under the baton of Lorin Maazel.

The festival will also feature the Orchestra Internazionale d'Italia, Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, Macau Chamber Orchestra, Macau Chinese Orchestra and Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra in various performances.

Likewise scheduled are a series of chamber performances by the Borodin String Quartet, Portuguese guitarist Pedro Jóia, Italian guitarist Claudio Marcotulli, and Portuguese duo Antonio Rosado (piano) and Antonio Saiote (clarinet).

Most of the major performances will be staged at the state-of-the art Cultural Centre Grand Auditorium. Macau's prime concert venue. In keeping with the Cultural Institute's policy of promoting the city's heritage sites, free concerts will be held at such historic venues as the Cathedral, St. Dominic's Church, and the magnificent Ruins of St. Paul's.

"Explore Macau" packages are available through selected travel agents. For inquiries, call the Macau Government Tourist Office at 830-2005 or 830-2013.

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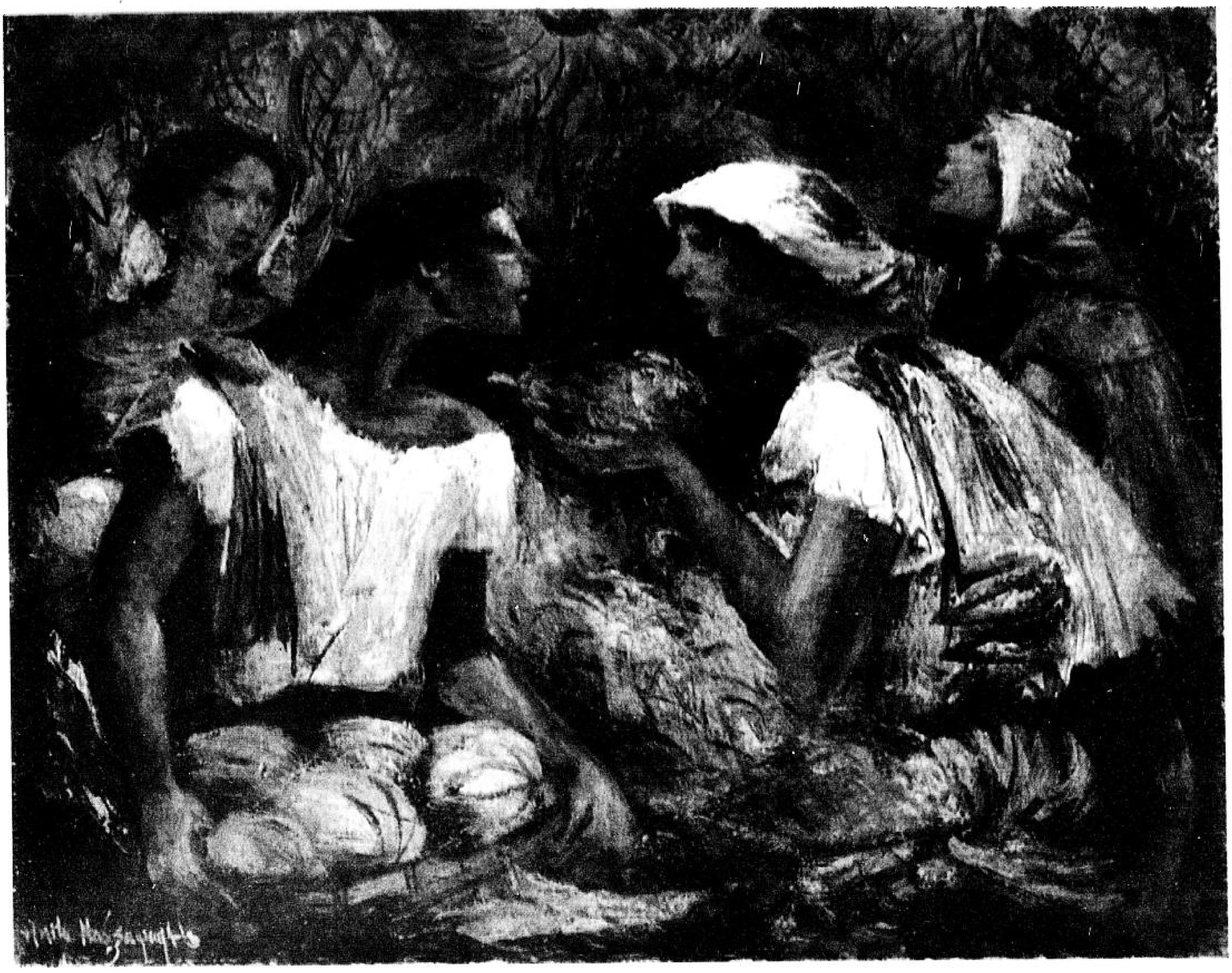

THIS early Anita Magsaysay-Ho oil, "Fruit Vendors" (1953), is a rare example of her work when she began experimenting with the subject of peasant women in the early '50s.

Important Philippine art to yield $340,000

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Donna J. Stone BIG CHEESES

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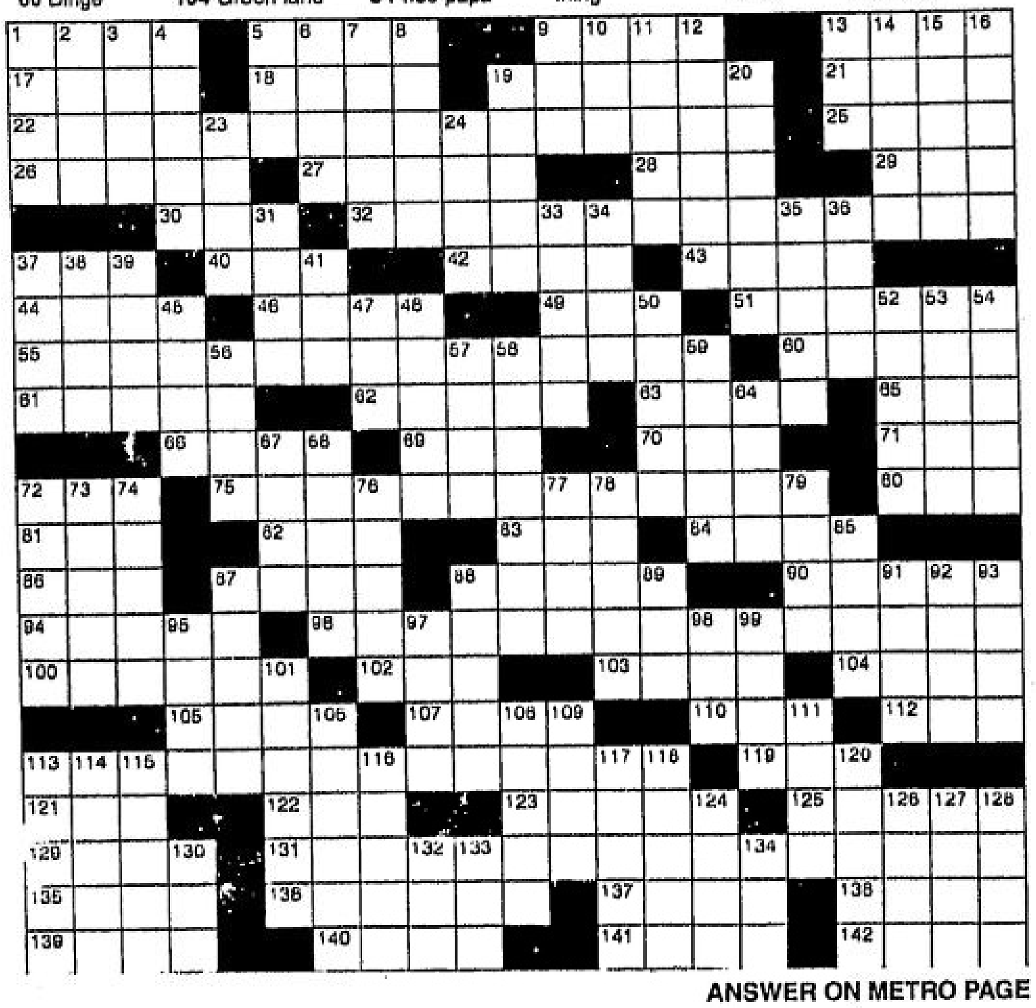

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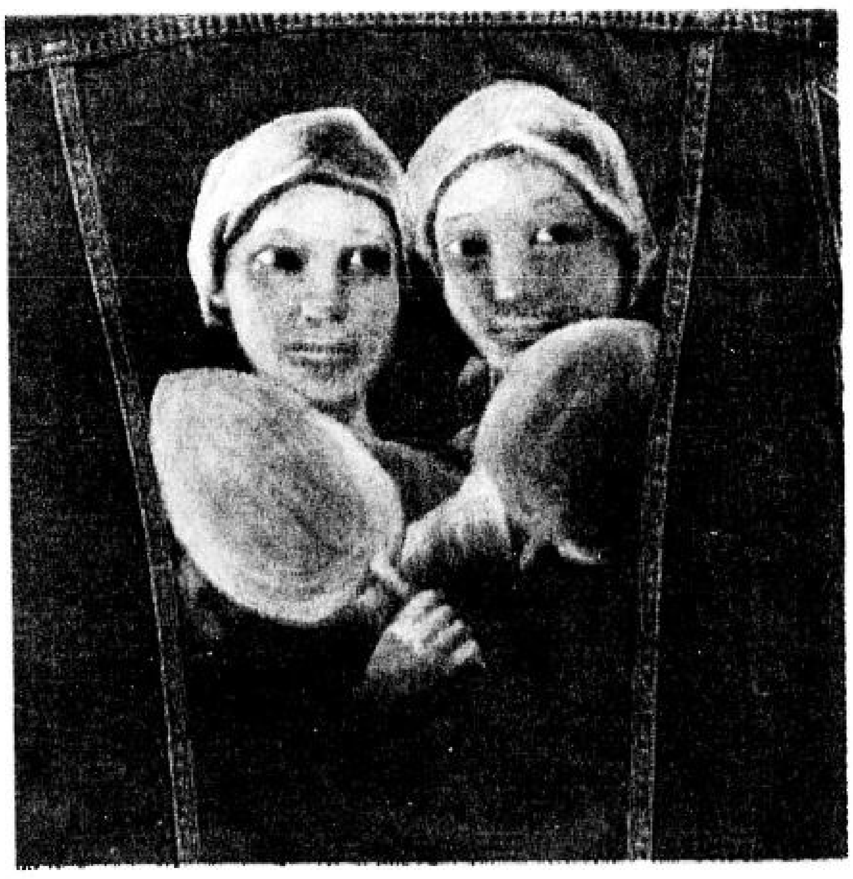

THIS oil painting on a Levi's Red Tab denim jacket, titled "Girls with Fan" (2002), by Anita Magsaysay-Ho, will be auctioned off at Sotheby's with proceeds going to ABS-CBN Foundation's Bantay Bata 163.

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and color in contrast to later works such as "Peanut Vendors" (1979, lot 92, $33,000-$44,000), which are more geometric and show more physical details.

Also in the sale is one of her most recent works painted on a Levi's Red Tab denim jacket, "Girls with a Fan" (2002, lot 79, est. $2,700-$5,500). Its proceeds will benefit the ABS-CBN Foundation's Bantay Bata 163.

"Abstract" (1963, lot 69, est. $6,600-$11,000), by Jose Joya, also goes under the hammer to benefit Bridges Foundation.

Diminutive Francisco

Another notable work in the sale is "Wedding" (early '60s, lot 91, est. $4,400-$6,600), Francisco's rare watercolor. This 9¼" x 29¾" piece carries all the characteristics of the artist's work of huge murals, which are usually found in government buildings and banks. According to Mok Kim Chuan, Sotheby's specialist on Southeast Asian art, "Wedding" was a study for a mural proposed to a private client in the '60s.

"In the Beginning" (1961, lot 66, est. $7,200-$10,000) and "Revelation" (1961, lot 66, $8,800-$12,200), by H.R. Ocampo, marks a stage in his art where he still used figures, albeit abstract and distorted. One can see that change was about to happen, and these works are examples of the transition into his later purely abstract works.

For more information on this and on upcoming sales, call Kim Camacho, Sotheby's Philippines representative, at 884-8241, fax 884-8242 or e-mail kim.camacho@sothebys.com

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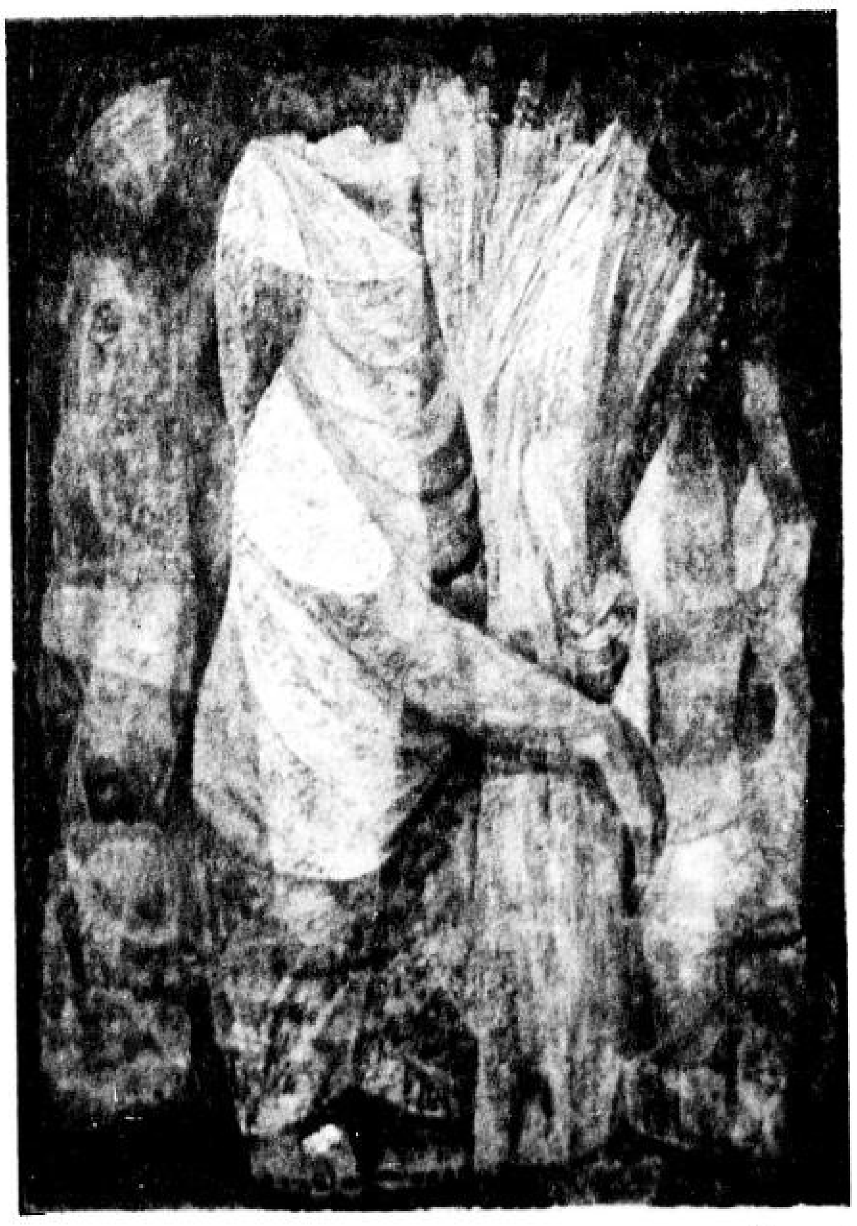

"HARVEST" (1957), by Vicente Silva Manansala, who once worked with Fernand Leger, is representative of the artist's transition from earlier, more geometric work to one that is less fragmented.

Doing the Toronto trot

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emblematic structures like the Statue of Liberty or the Eiffel Tower or the Sydney Opera House, Toronto's main attraction is multiculturalism. Where else can you find flags of all participants in the recent World Cup flying from car hoods along the highway? Undoubtedly, this is an intensely multicultural capital that mixes the sophisticated dazzle of New York, the laid-back charm of Sydney and the gentility of London.

The Doors Open event reflected the same spirit. Matching the city's ethnic diversity is a delightful architectural pastiche that includes 19th century Neo-Romanesque structures, robust Victorian houses, pointy Gothic-revival churches, Neo-Classical banks, stylized Art Deco edifices, sleek 1960s innovations and modern glass-and-chrome skyscrapers. Among the more notable buildings included in the event were the Jetsons-inspired City Hall twin structures, the former Toronto Stock Exchange Building and the Canadian Bank of Commerce Building.

Other places included in the event were the Anshei Minsk Synagogue (10 St. Andrew St.), built in the 1930s and with an Eastern European-style architecture; the Jami Mosque (56 Boustead Ave.), a former Presbyterian church that became Toronto's first mosque in 1968; and the St. George's Greek Orthodox Church (115 Bond St.), originally a synagogue with magnificent interiors painted by Pachomaioi monks, iconographers from Mount Athos in Greece and magnificent frescoes. For a closer look at the tapestry of Toronto's past, there is the Multicultural History Society of Ontario (43 Queen's Park Crescent) located at an old Victorian home with ornate gabled roofs and bay windows overlooking Queen's Park.

Topping our list of "must-sees" were legendary theater buildings like the Princess of Wales Theater (300 King St. West), home to "Mamma Mia," with interiors by the architect firm *du jour* Yabu Pushelberg (whose hip projects include the Tiffany's and Co. flagship store on 5th Avenue in New York, to be completed in 2004), and the Elgin and Winter Garden Theater (189 Yonge St.), an ornate institution restored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation that is also the last operating "double deck" theater in the world.

Our search for some place grand also led us to Osgoode Hall (130 Queen St. West) and Commerce Court North (25 King St. West). Home to the Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode Hall is about as WASPy as one can get, historically speaking. The place, named after William Osgoode, the first Chief Justice of the province of Ontario, sits on a beautifully manicured six-acre property in the heart of downtown Toronto. A National Historic Site, the building, its original 1860 façade still intact, is the hub of legal life in Ontario for more than 170 years now.

Reflected glory

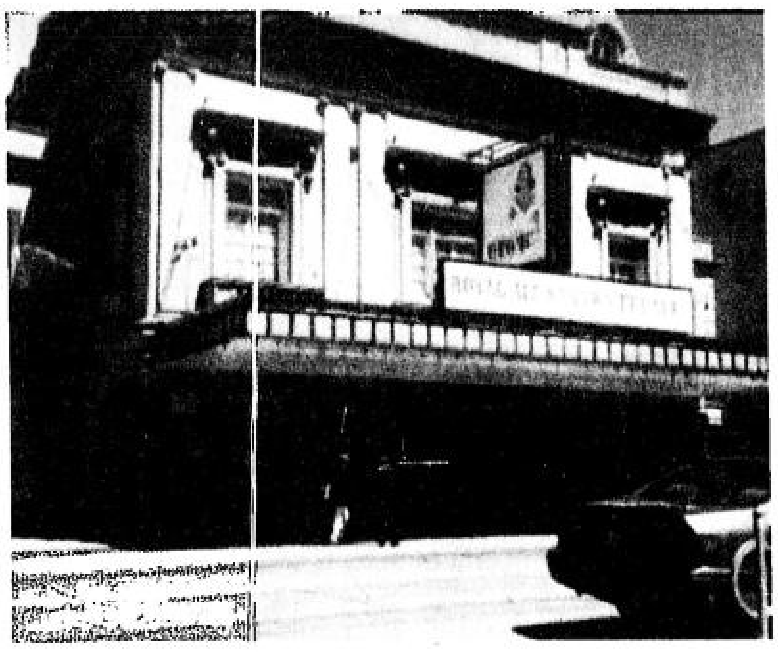
Commerce Court North, on the other hand, basks in the reflected glory of its founding institution, the venerable Canadian Bank of Commerce, and the well-known architect I.M. Pei, who designed the Commerce Court Complex.

The elaborate interiors hark back to a past of English bankers and gentlemen wearing monocles. To complete the atmosphere, '30s big band music was blaring from huge Ramsa speakers. According to Lynn Schoales, volunteer tour guide, more than 3,000 English and Scottish stone masters were imported at various times for the construction of the building. What was once billed as the tallest building in the British Empire is today Toronto's prime example of a jazz-era cathedral of commerce. As if to demonstrate its strength and confidence even during the Depression years, the cornerstone was laid just two days after the great stock market crash of '29. The main hall has a grand 65-ft high coffered ceiling with intricately carved gold medallions and gold leaf detail, its center shade based on a workman's well-washed, well-worn denim shirt. Old ticket wickets have since become office cubicles, with frosted glass panes reminiscent of production sets of '20s-flavored films like "The Untouchables" and "Dick Tracy."

OSGOODE Hall library

COMMERCE Court North

The offices of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, located at an old 1900s office building, has a similar ambiance. A product of the Beaux Art style (round windows, rusticated exterior stonework and roof balustrade), the main lobby was used for the bookstore scene when John Cusack and Kate Beckinsale met in "Serendipity." Old money vaults have since become supply rooms, and frosted glass doors bear names of cultural groups like the Ontario Black History Society, and the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.



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A beautiful marriage of the old and new is best exemplified by the Design Exchange (234 Bay St.). It was originally the Toronto Stock Exchange. When the Exchange moved out of the limestone Art-Deco structure in 1983, the building stood empty until the current owners gave it a new lease on life, superimposing it with a modern '90s skyscraper.

In the dozen places we visited during our day downtown, we saw images of Toronto's emergence not only as Canada's financial hub, but also as one of North America's major showcase of contemporary architecture. Events like Doors Open undoubtedly showed how cooperation between public and private sectors can make for a vibrant city. What was truly inspiring was how different sectors of the community worked together to promote the city. The result was amazing: 100,000 people from the Greater Toronto Area and beyond pounded the pavements for an exciting, front-row view of a city's architectural past.

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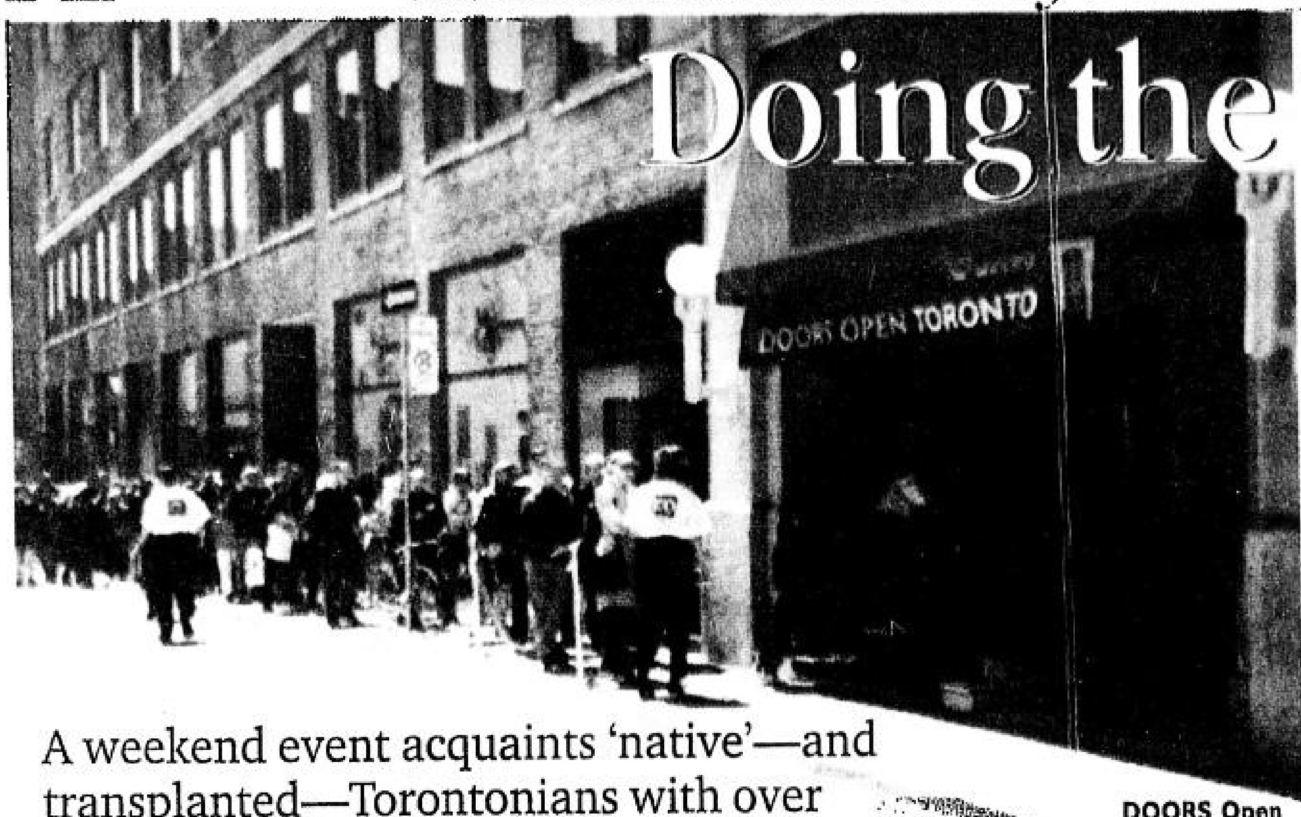
DOORS Open participation

A weekend event acquaints 'native'—and transplanted—Torontonians with over 100 city landmarks

Text by Harriet Ann Dy
Contributor
Photos by Ivan Mandy

TORONTO—Massey Hall is to Toronto what Carnegie Hall is to New York. The 108-year-old Canadian structure has seen the likes of rock band INXS, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, the Dalai Lama, singer Nana Mouskouri and even the Peking Acrobats perform on its legendary stage.

This storied venue was just one of the historic places on our checklist when we ventured downtown for the 3rd Annual Doors Open Toronto event last May. Organized by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, together with the city of Toronto Culture Division, the weekend affair saw over 100 Toronto landmarks fling open their doors, welcome the public to private enclaves and acquaint local dwellers—and transplanted Torontonians like us—to the city.

The concept is similar to the Heritage Conservation Society's architectural walking tours, but on a bigger, more aggressive and better-funded scale. The Toronto Star published a four-page supplement guide and map to the free event while the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Radio set up an information booth at the CBC Center on Front Street.

The event unabashedly promoted the city, and sought to instill a sense of oneness in a country where one in six people is an immigrant (the Philippines accounts for the fourth largest migrant population in Canada, after China, India and Pakistan).

A Scottish invention

The first Doors Open event started in Glasgow, Scotland, over a decade ago. Since then, similar events have been held in 40 countries in Europe. It is fast gaining worldwide popularity with Sydney and Rio de Janeiro launching their own programs. Toronto is the first North American city to adopt this tourism concept.

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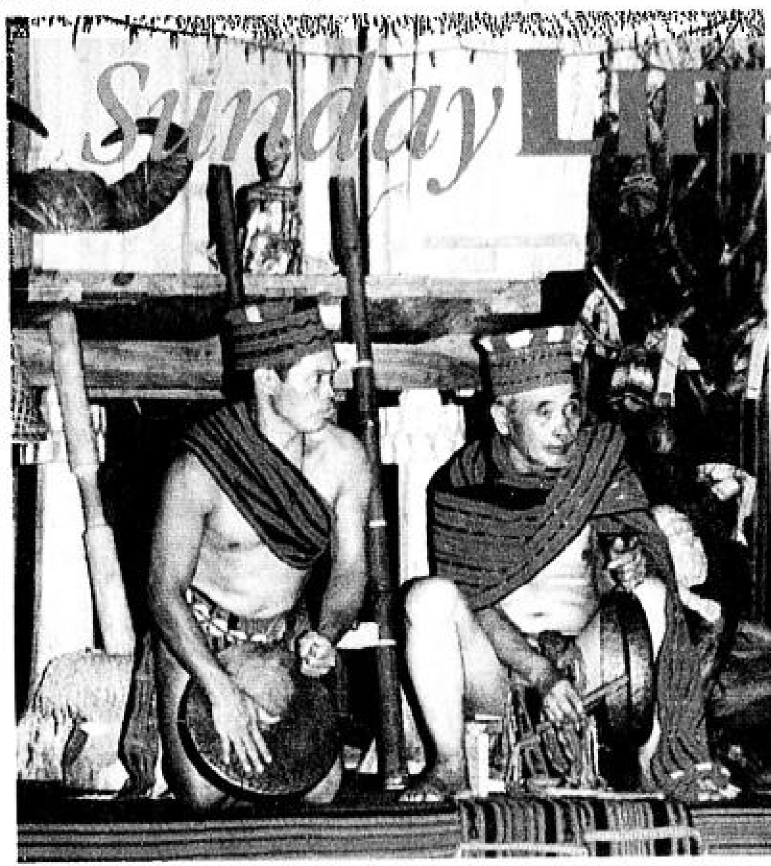

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Extinction threatens lifestyle as ancient as rice terraces

Text by Constantino C. Tejero
Photos by Johnny Villena

AFTER traveling for eight hours from Manila, 333 km north to Banaue, the tourist is somewhat disappointed to find that much of the indigenous culture is disappearing. Aside from the view and the climate, this is what any self-respecting tourist is supposed to be looking for.

The world-famous rice terraces are still there, of course, but they now appear to be deteriorating, and the landscape has been marred by the silvery gleam of corrugated-iron roofing. If ever one sees the colorful native costumes of the Ifugaos, they are now being worn by elders dancing in cultural shows or posing with tourists for a fee.

Even the handicrafts in the curio shops have been corrupted. Standing side by side with the Cordillera rice god are a *tiki* and other demons from Micronesia. Native carvers have used their skill to churn out obscene items for foreign tourists.

To see the authentic native culture, the tourist has to hike through the wilderness and climb precipitous peaks to find an old village or two that have so far not been reached by the advance of Western culture. It was just auspicious that, during a recent visit, we discovered a typical Ifugao village within reach.

Life and ritual

Situated 240 steps down from the poolside of Banaue Hotel, or about 400 ft below the ridge, is Tam-an Village. The place is a patch of brown and gray surrounded by rice fields and sparsely dotted with native huts, inaccessible except for the narrow steps up the steep ridge and a slippery trail along the rice paddies.

The little village murmurs with household chores. Under the mushroom-shaped huts, several men are chiseling a slab of hardwood and a few women are threshing, pounding and winnowing rice. Children frolic along the way.

People here are still stuck in the lifestyle of their ancestors, rites of life and death as ancient as the terraces. They separate the rice grain from the husks with bare hands using a small scythe-like object, and pound the rice with mortar and pestle. They preserve the bones of their ancestors, wrapped in colorful hand-woven blankets, and bundle them in their peculiar funerary manner.

Just as interesting are the two souvenir shops in the area. The villagers produce woodcarving and beadwork that they sell to tourists.

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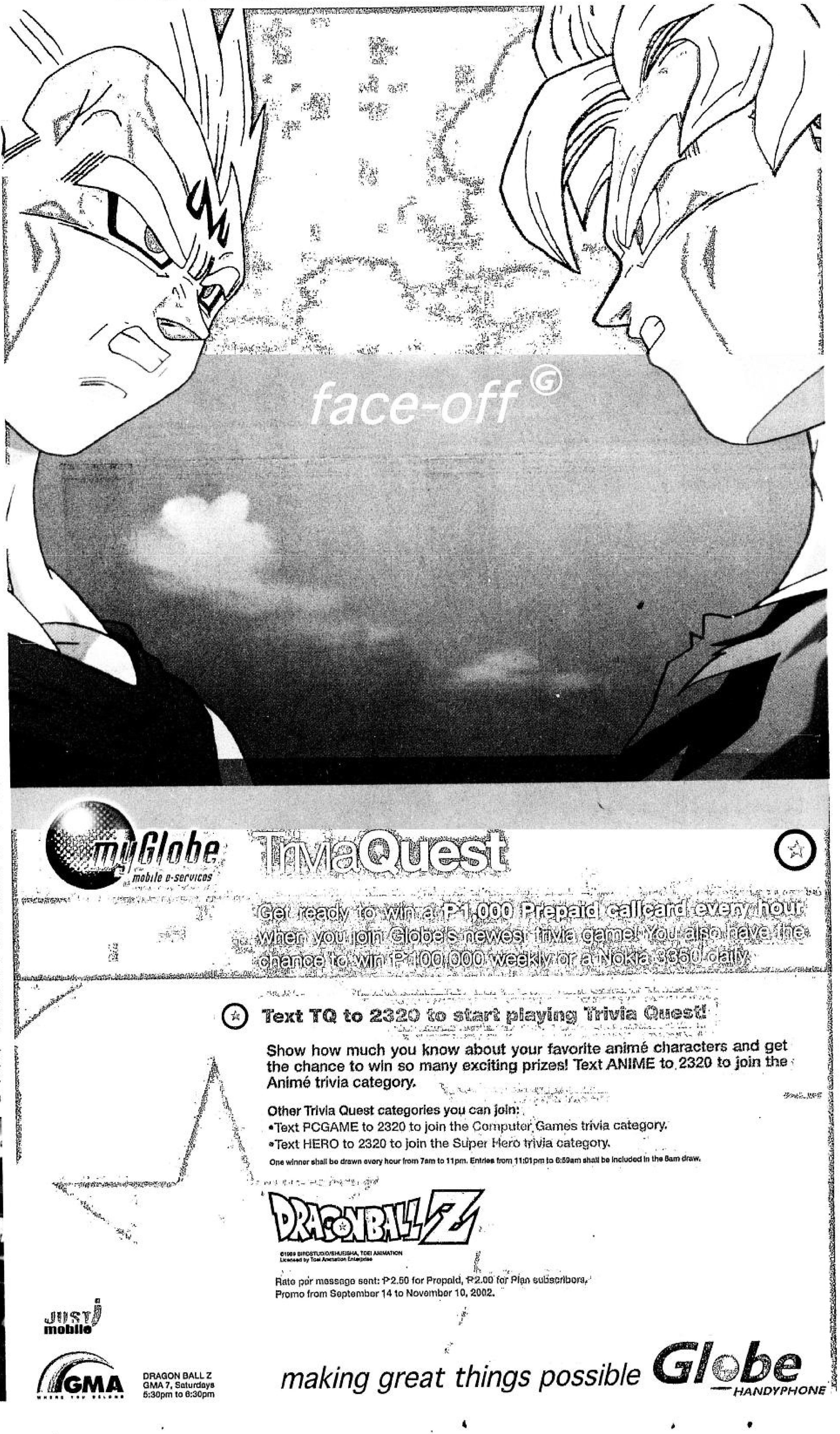
UPLAND rice, organic and fragrant



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Raul Teehankee

STREETLIFE at Glorietta was packed solid when Rivermaya held a mini concert to thank friends and sponsors for their continuing support. It was a night to mingle with Manila's rockers and singers during the much-delayed celebration of the band's victory at the MTV Pilipinas music video awards last quarter.

The band has been on a nonstop countrywide tour, and they were able to rest a fortnight ago and party. More exposure awaits Rivermaya after being contracted as the latest endorser of Sony CD components. Members of the band are **Rico Blanco**, vocalist, **Mark Escueta**, drums, **Kakoi Legaspi** and **Mike Elgar**, guitar, and **Japs Sergio**, bass. Let's roll!

Victory party for J

A victory party was held at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club and Friends for **Justine Gabionza**, the tall and tan Miss Philippines, who was the country's representative to the Top Model of the World search held in Dusseldorf, Germany, a fortnight ago. She ended up as fourth runner-up. Her dusky beauty wowed the judges as she sashayed down the ramp in her fabulous *terno* and sequined gown designed by **Johnny Abad.**

Justine, a Tourism major, is a member of the UST fencing team and trains regularly with the national team. She looks forward to competing in the next Southeast Asian Games. That goal doesn't look far-fetched since she was voted "rookie of the year" a year ago.

Impromptu

It was a barrel of laughs at the impromptu celebration honoring **Cora Bautista** at the Edsa Shangri-La. The Divas, a group of impersonators, did Shirley Bassey, Dionne Warwick and Madonna, but the impersonation of a haughty Oriental matron brought the house down. In attendance were the youthful-looking couple, **Mat** and **Florence Defensor**, who are the proud parents of a Cabinet secretary (**Mike**) and a congresswoman (**Maite**), Congressman and Mrs. **Conrado Estrella III**, **George Trivinio**, entertainers **Arnel Ignacio** and **Marissa Sanchez**.

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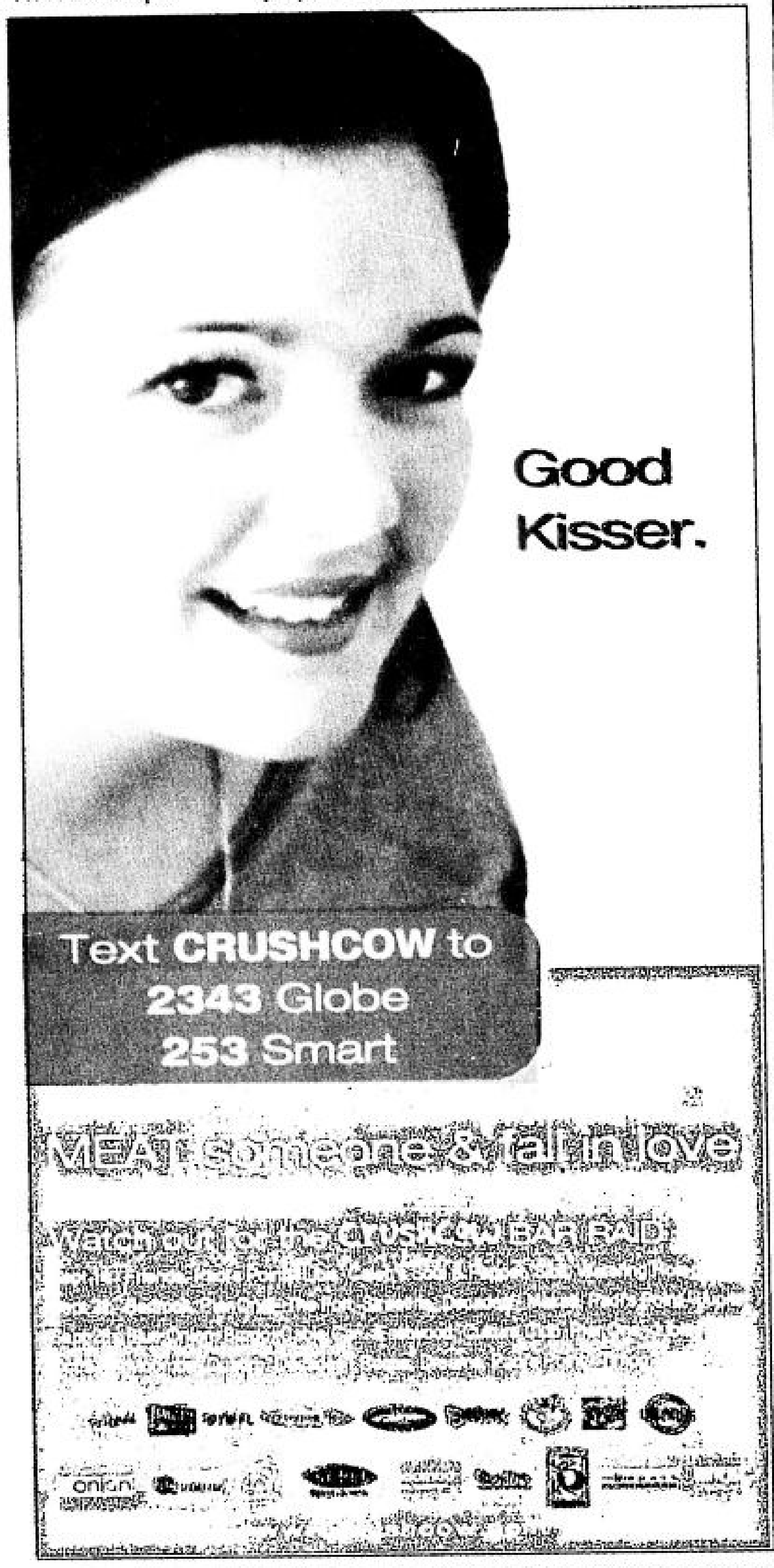
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Extinction threatens lifestyle as ancient as rice terraces

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One shop specializes in hand-woven items, but the prices are rather touristy. The weaving workshop, where one can presumably avail of factory prices, is still several paddies away.

The other shop sells carved hardwood items. Tessie's Woodworks and Artcrafts, owned by Teresita Bolaños, has its workshop in an annex, so one can get huge discounts on every item. Our companion Phillip, ever the bargain-hunter from Hong Kong to New York, had reduced the sum of his purchases from P5,000 to P2,900. (Top that! You can't get that kind of haggling even in Divisoria.)

Curios and exotica

For a wider variety of souvenir items and other exotica, there are numerous curio shops in the various viewpoints or view decks overlooking the rice terraces. Or one may take a 20-minute walk from Banaue Hotel to the Trade Center, the heart of activity in the town.

Saturday is the big market day, when the tourist is assailed by the produce of Cordillera laid out before the eyes: the famous upland rice (white or pinkish, organic, fragrant), vegetables such as squash and beans and unidentified leafy objects, wild honey, rattan fruit (tastes like pickle, sourer than sourball), the colorful weave and beads (though we find the Kalinga costume the most colorful and intricate among the Cordillerans), even the bills of the *kalaw* (for medicine, amulet or wall décor, we don't know).

In one woodcarving factory in the Trade Center, we frantically accumulated items of rosewood, *kamagong*, acacia, narra, pinewood, at extraordinary prices. (Buying these items is our way of preserving our forests, we rationalized.)

A chair carved from a whole block of rosewood and constructed without nails or glue, which sells for P1,500 in the Trade Center, P2,400 in Banaue Hotel's souvenir shop, P4,500 in Robinsons Galleria and SM Megamall during trade fairs, we got from this factory outlet for only P500. Now, isn't that a steal?

An unusual table with a thick circular top intricately carved with mandala design sells for only P800. If only we had the patience to bodily transport it through the eight-hour trip back to Manila, why, we would have taken that, too.

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Vienna Boys Choir in Manila

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As part of the assistance program, the Philam Group of Companies, in cooperation with the Philippine-Austrian Cultural Society Inc. and the Austrian Embassy, will present the Vienna Boys' Choir in a rare one-night concert titled "Vienna Boys' Choir Sings for Basilan Children," on Oct. 4, at 8 p.m., at the Philamlife Theater, UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila. Proceeds of the concert will go to the ABC Fund.

The world-renowned chorale group from Austria, composed of boys aged 10-14, will sing a repertoire of songs ranging from the Gregorian chant to contemporary and experimental music. The touring repertoire is mostly composed of motets and lieder for boys' choir, as well as the choir's own arrangements of waltzes and polkas by Strauss. Austrian composers Heinz Kratochwil, Ernst Krenek, Anton Heiller and Balduin Sulzer have also written works specifically for the choir.

The Vienna Boys' Choir maintains the tradition of the imperial musicians: as "Hofmusikkapelle," they provide the music for Sunday Mass in Vienna's Imperial Chapel, as they have done since 1498.

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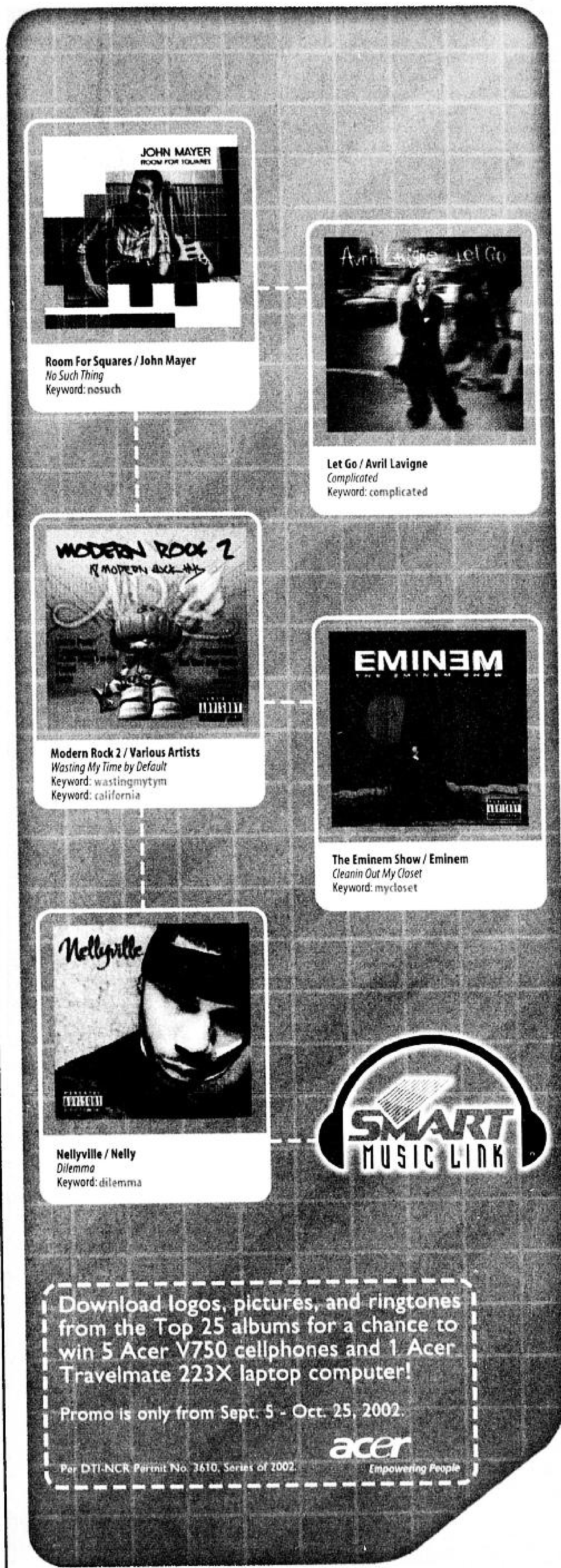

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Power crowd graces power play

ON ITS third and possibly most successful incarnation at the Music Museum, "Alikabok," the musical about a doomed romance during the Philippine revolution against Spain, attracted a power crowd. No less than President Macapagal-Arroyo graced the special evening performance of the musical, which had first seen light in 1995.

The story of a headstrong young woman who disobeys her father and follows her heart by joining the Katipunan, the play is an anthem to women empowerment. GMA's presence enhanced that message. The President later congratulated the performers, led by Cris Villonco, Nonoy Zuñiga and Jeffrey Hidalgo.

Spotted in the audience on various dates were Tingting Cojuangco, Ricco and Tina Ocampo, Gina Godinez, Sen. Raul Roco, Fernando Poe Jr. and wife Susan Roces, Virgie Ramos, Tim Yap and Rissa Samson.

Villonco delivered splendidly as Bising, the stubborn daughter. She was ably supported by Hidalgo, who was charming as the revolutionary, and Zuñiga, who was excellent as the patriarch.

Also turning out commendable performances were Catherine Bautista, Waya Gallardo and Noel Rayos.

WAYA Gallardo, Virgie Ramos, Jeffrey Hildalgo and Celeste Legaspi

PRESIDENT Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was welcomed by Girlie Rodis with Nonoy Gallardo, Monique Villonco and Precy Florentino, owner of Music Museum

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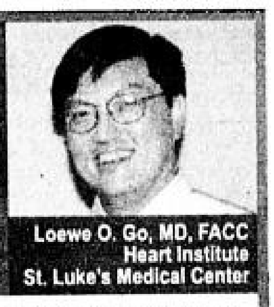
A WEIGHTY MATTER

Obesity & the Heart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Traditionally, physicians have concentrated on treating the major risk factors--smoking, hypercholesterolemia, hypertension and diabetes - so as to reduce cardiovascular risk in their patients. Obesity was considered only a "contributing risk factor" to coronary heart disease (CHD) and not a disease unto itself. However, in the face of an overwhelming body of scientific medical evidence linking excessive weight with CHD, the American Heart Association (AHA) reclassified obesity as a major modifiable risk factor in mid-1998 and issued a "Call to Action" statement on obesity. In addition to focusing physicians' attention on the importance of recognizing and treating obesity, this "Call to Action" urged health care providers, legislators, insurers and the public to take a number of actions designed to reduce the impact of obesity on both individual and public health. What are the evidences supporting such a strong statement?

DEFINITION AND ASSESSMENT OF OBESITY - A PREVALENT DISEASE

In order to answer this, one must begin with defining obesity. Strictly speaking, obesity refers to an excess of body fat and not just excess size and/or weight. Measuring adipose tissue accurately usually requires highly sophisticated equipment such as CT, MRI or DEXA scanning as these will reveal not only subcutaneous fat but also the more important visceral or abdominal fat which produces central adiposity. Fortunately, simpler methods to measure both central and total adiposity have been devised and validated for clinical use. Waist circumference can be measured to assess central adiposity, with obesity defined as >35 in. for women and >40 in. for men based on NIH guidelines published 1998, while cutoffs are >31 in. for women and >35 in. for men based on WHO Asia-Pacific guidelines published 2001. On the other hand, body mass index (BMI) can be used to assess obesity as it has been found to correlate most closely with body fat, morbidity and mortality. BMI is defined as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared (kg/m^2). The NIH guidelines indicate BMI>25 as overweight and >30 as obese; in contrast, WHO Asia-Pacific guidelines suggest BMI>23 as overweight and >25 as obese. Using the Asia-Pacific guidelines, the current prevalence in the Philippines (based on the most recent survey of the Food and Nutritional Research Institute) is 23% for overweight and 20% for obesity-- which means roughly 17.2 million Filipinos are either overweight or obese! THAT is a staggering statistic.

In many individuals, obesity is a disease that begins in childhood. Data from NHANES III in 1997 show 13.7% of children and 11.5% of adolescents are overweight. Similar to other major CHD risk factors, body weight "tracks" or persist in the same percentile over time. While total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol and blood pressure levels track at a high order, height and weight track at the highest order. Thus overweight children usually become overweight or obese adults and there is much to support the AHA's contention that "once obese, always obese" - that is, obesity is a chronic disease. Like other chronic diseases, there is no short term solution to obesity; lifelong treatment is required to control the condition. Indeed control is the goal of treatment, as in the case with hypertension, diabetes and dyslipidemia. Treatment controls, but does not cure, the disease. Just as would be the case with aforementioned chronic conditions, obesity can be expected to recur after treatment is withdrawn. This recurrence is not due to patient or treatment failure, but rather due to the chronic nature of the disease of obesity.

THE BAD NEWS: OBESITY IS A CHRONIC DISEASE THAT IMPOSES ADDITIVE RISK

Observational studies have shown that overweight and obesity are directly related to numerous CHD risk factors, including high levels of blood pressure, total cholesterol, LDL ("bad") cholesterol, triglycerides, fibrinogen, insulin and low levels of HDL ("good") cholesterol. According to the data from NHANES III, the age-adjusted prevalence of hypertension increases progressively in both men and women as BMI increases. The prevalence of hypertension (SBP>140, DBP >90 or currently taking antihypertensives) in adults with BMI>30 is 38.4% for men and 32.2% for women, compared with 18.2% for men and 16.5% for women with a BMI<25, translating to two-fold relative risk for both sexes. Likewise, the prevalence of hypertension and/or hypercholesterolemia is almost doubled in adults with BMI>27--67% for both sexes -- compared to those with BMI<27--40% for men and 35% for women. For type 2 diabetes mellitus, the weighted prevalence also increases exponentially with increasing BMI in adults, starting at 2% for BMI 22 to <25, rising to 5% for BMI 25 to <30, further increasing to 8% for BMI 30 to <35 and almost doubling to 14% for BMI >35.

More seriously, the morbidity for a number of cardiovascular conditions increases as BMI increases. The risks for CHD are lowest in individuals with BMI<22 and progressively rises even with modest elevations of BMI. Risk for nonfatal MI and CHD death is increased 72% in middle-aged men and 90% in women with BMI 25 to 29 compared with their respective counterparts having BMI<23. With regard to ischemic stroke, the risk also increases gradually with overweight and obesity. Compared to adults with BMI<23, the risk for stroke increases 10% for BMI 25 to <27, rising further 50% for BMI 27 to <32, to almost two-fold for BMI>32. Overweight and obesity also contributes to the development of congestive heart failure through its relationship to systemic hypertension and in normotensive obese patients, through increases in stroke volume and cardiac output which produce ventricular dilatation, eccentric hypertrophy and diastolic dysfunction. In patients with severe obesity, such "obesity cardiomyopathy" may lead to sudden death through predisposition to arrhythmias. Not uncommonly, right heart dysfunction occurs due to obstructive sleep apnea or obesity hypoventilation syndrome with secondary pulmonary hypertension, or as a consequence of left heart failure.

Finally, most studies show an increase in mortality rate associated with a BMI of at least 30. Individuals with BMI>30 have a 50% to 100% increased risk of death due to all causes compared to individuals with BMI 20 to 25, with most of the increase due to cardiovascular causes. In the United States of America, the estimated mortality rate for obese people is about 390 per 100,000 patient years of follow-up.

THE GOOD NEWS: EVEN MODERATE WEIGHT LOSS REDUCES CHD RISK

Historically, it has been believed that only large weight losses resulting in "ideal" body weight would have any effect on obesity-related health risks. However, numerous studies have shown that sustained modest weight reductions of just 5% to 10% already reduce CHD risk. For example, in hypertensive patients every 1 kg weight loss is associated with decreases of 2.5 mmHg in systolic blood pressure and 1.7 mmHg in diastolic blood pressure. In addition, dose reduction or discontinuation of antihypertensive medications is often possible. In patients with dyslipidemia, every 1 kg weight reduction is associated with decreases of 1.93 mg/dl in total cholesterol, 0.77 mg/dl in LDL cholesterol and 1.33 mg/dl in triglyceride levels. Larger but still modest weight losses of 4.5 kg are associated with decreases of 16% in total cholesterol and 12% in LDL cholesterol, as well as an increase of 18% in HDL cholesterol. In patients with Type 2 diabetes mellitus, not only has 5% weight loss been found to improve glycemic control by 50%, but even modest reduction of 1 kg has been found to lengthen life expentancy by 3 to 4 months.

These favorable changes in cardiovascular risk factors translate to improved survival. It has been estimated that a weight loss of 10 kg can reduce total mortality in obese population by >20%, diabetes-related deaths by >30% and cancer-related deaths by >40%. In actual numbers, the potential lives saved would be around 78 per 100,000 patient years in the USA. Although modest weight reduction cannot completely remove the risks of morbidity and mortality due to obesity--no one lives forever! -a 5% to 10% weight loss will still provide measurable and substantial health benefits.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion then, obesity is now regarded as a life-long disease, not just a cosmetic issue nor a moral judgement. Health care providers and the public has to take obesity seriously and treat it like a chronic disease, just like hypertension, hypercholesterolemia or diabetes mellitus. Obesity imposes grave medical risks and management should focus on improving health, not appearance, and attaining healthy weight, not an "ideal" weight. Given the magnitude of beneficial changes in control of blood pressure, lipid and glucose parameters, and reductions in cardiovascular mordibity and mortality, weight management is potentially one of the most valuable services that physicians can provide to their patients today.

When Tweety met Kitty

TWEETY was born in the US. Kitty was born in London.

They met through a chat room called "Cute and Love" and became really good friends. They regularly exchanged e-mails. However, Kitty was worried because Tweety did not like cats. Tweety often said, "I beat a cat today. Cats are very bad." Because of this, Kitty never told Tweety that she was a cat.

One summer vacation, Kitty was to visit her Aunt Sally in California. Tweety and Kitty were finally going to meet! Taking this opportunity, Kitty decided to teach Tweety that there are good cats in the world. Kitty flew to the US where Tweety was going to pick her up at the airport. They decided to each hold a red rose to help find each other in the crowd of travelers.

At the airport, Tweety saw a cat and in his rush to run and hide dropped the rose. Kitty picked up the rose and smiled to Tweety, saying: "Is this your rose?" Tweety didn't quite know how to react to Kitty.

"Nice to meet you, Tweety! I'm Kitty," said Kitty, showing her red rose to Tweety. Tweety sheepishly asked: "Are you a good cat?"

Kitty and Tweety then became the best of friends. They talked about many things, including their previous online conversations, and visited all the tourist spots as Kitty learned more about life in America.

Make a wish

One day, Tweety heard an interesting story—if you see a shooting star, repeat your wish three times and it will come true. Tweety wanted to make a wish that all bad cats would disappear. As a cat, this made Kitty very uncomfortable, but as Tweety's

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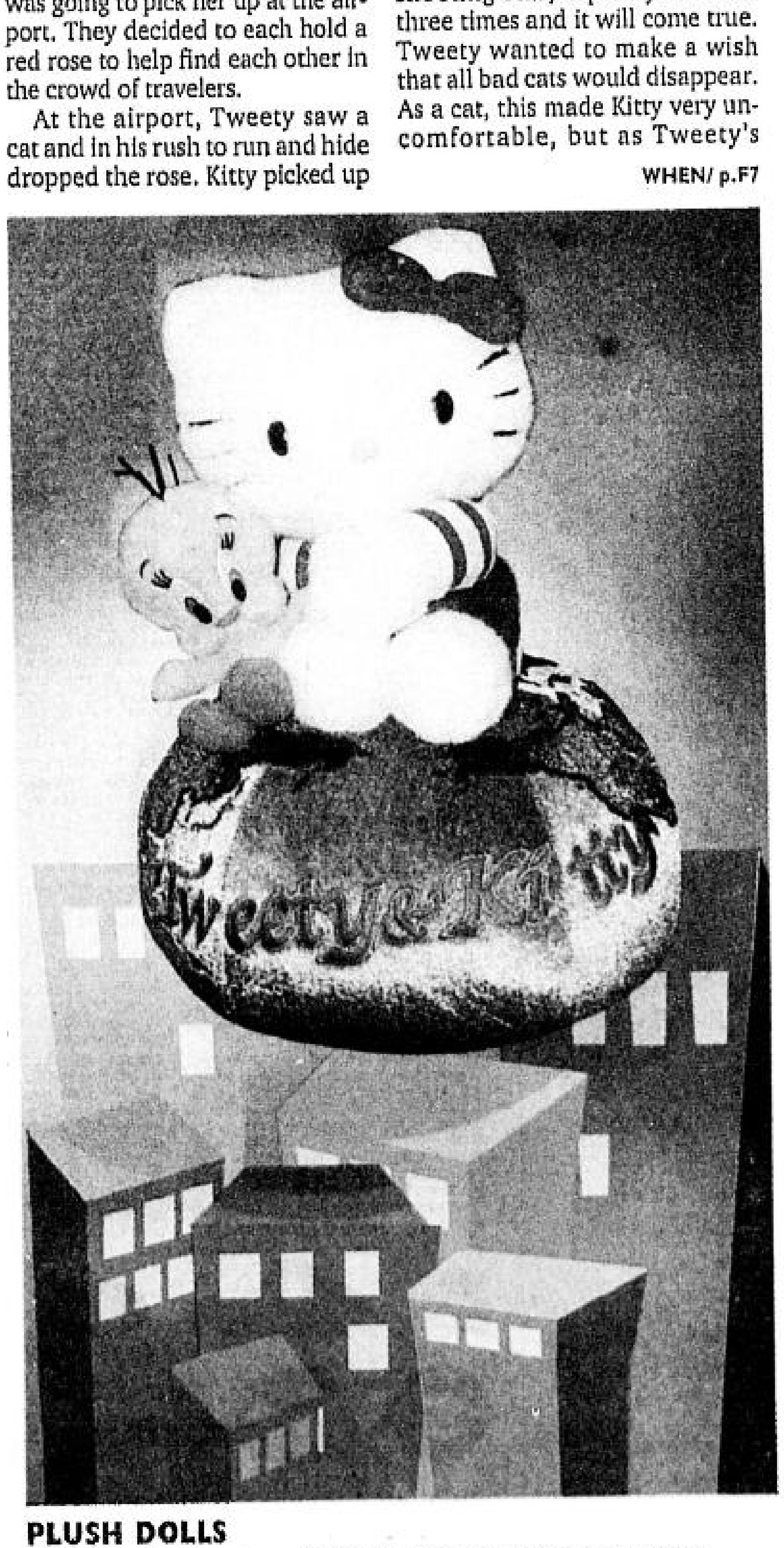
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You and the kids and the music

By Grace Shangkuan Koo
Contributor

BEING a classical music advocate, I have enrolled my kids since they were toddlers in piano and violin lessons with the best teachers. Mozart's and Vivaldi's music serenades us at dinnertime. The most heart-wrenching arias and chorales accompany us in our long car rides.

One day my daughter, who had grown taller than me, asked to buy her own CDs and discman. I noticed she was drowning out what she described as "sleepy, sad" music played in the car. She wanted something "more jumpy and less serious."

I've wondered why my teenage kids listen to music that is rather loud, simplistic, repetitive and lacking in distinction when there are beautiful concertos, symphonies, operas and oratorios waiting to be appreciated more fully and deservedly. Cultural differences, perhaps?

Music and culture

Music is a powerful means of creating a sense of belonging to a particular group of people, or particular place. Group identification and peer influence are particularly strong among young people. Their musical preference separates them from their parents and older people.

Music is socially meaningful—creating an identity and providing a boundary. Different types of music appeal to different groups of people. Music reinforces certain cultural identity. Various music styles are associated with certain groups of people. In a study by Dixon, the most popular music for the blacks was soul, which ranked only 12th among the whites.

Musical taste is also influenced by age and gender. In a study done by Tolhoust, it was found that people aged 20-30 preferred soft rock and country music over light classical and classical music, while this preference was reversed among the over 40. Another study found that males are more likely than females to prefer music that is described as tough and hard while females are more likely to choose the softer and romantic. Males prefer hard rock, progressive rock, heavy metal and jazz while females prefer love songs, pop, folk and dance-oriented music.

Music is associated with social class, ethnic group, peers, family, background and media. A study survey of live audience in the United Kingdom showed that classical concerts had attracted more upper-middle and middle classes, and folk concerts had a majority from middle and working classes.

By subscribing to a music taste culture, people are also associating with a particular lifestyle and a set of values. People's musical taste may reflect a tendency to listen and enjoy the music listened to by the people they like or admire.

The music media have the power to create and shape musical taste. This power, however, leads to the "massification" of musical taste. Young people in Manila listen to what the LA kids listen to; Britney Spears is an icon in Tokyo as in London. Mass culture has replaced the diversity of culture with a standardized and homogenized culture that is the same everywhere.

Music and perception

What and how does music communicate? Why do we like certain music? How do we listen to music? We listen to music at different degrees of attention. Passive listening is listening to "elevator or mood music." When music brings us pleasure, it is sensuous listening. Music also has the power to affect the emotion, and when it does, we are experiencing emotional listening. The highest level of listening is perceptive listening. It happens when music influences our cognition.

The last two decades have seen a blossoming of research in the cognitive aspect of music. Psychologists are interested in how music is perceived and understood. For one, musicians and non-musicians do not listen to the music by the same rules. Musicians consistently choose melody and correct harmonic accompaniment over instrumentation. Non-musicians listen to music with their right brain hemisphere while musicians listen with both right and left hemispheres—paying attention to both the cognitive and affective aspects of music. Psychologists have shown that a person's knowledge of a subject or stimulus will affect his emotional reaction to that stimulus. Maybe with better music education, teenagers will learn to enjoy music that is more complex and requires higher cognitive demands.

Music and emotions

Different music affects our emotions differently. Gregorian chant creates a sense of spaciousness and is ideal for meditation. The slower Baroque music of Bach creates a sense of stability and predictability—mentally stimulating for work. Music of the Classical period, such as Mozart's, has clarity and elegance that improve concentration, memory and spatial perception. Music of the Romantic period, works of Chopin for example, emphasizes feelings. Impressionist music creates moods and dreamlike images that can enhance creative impulses.

Jazz, blues, soul, reggae or African dance forms uplift and release either joy or sadness. Salsa, rumba, Macarena and other South American music increase respiration and get the body moving. Rock music stirs passions, releases tension, masks pain, but can also create tension, dissonance and stress. New Age music abolishes the sense of time and space, thus inducing relaxed alertness. Heavy metal, rap, punk and hiphop excite the nervous system, which means they are suitable for self-expression. Religious and inspirational music brings a feeling of peace and a sense of well-being.

Time will come

My children can play Mozart on the piano just as they can play pop on the guitar. They watch MTV like their peers but can also identify composers of the classical music. They also learn classical music from very unlikely sources. Every Formula One car race ends with the overture from Bizet's "Carmen." The cartoons reinforce incongruity with Bugs Bunny humming Wagner's "Ride of the Valkyries" or the knighted bunny ." In Japanese anime, sad scenes are accompanied by Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," or by adagio cantabile of his Pathetique Sonata, and Mascagni's Intermezzo. These have become my children's favorites.

They also listened to Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and Richard Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarasthoustra" and played them over and over again in the car that I had to ask them to stop. They love loud, intense music and found it in many classical pieces, at last!

But time will come when they will discover the range of emotional expressions of classical music and the intense dynamics brought not only by loudness, but the magic of timbre, harmonization and subtler nuances.

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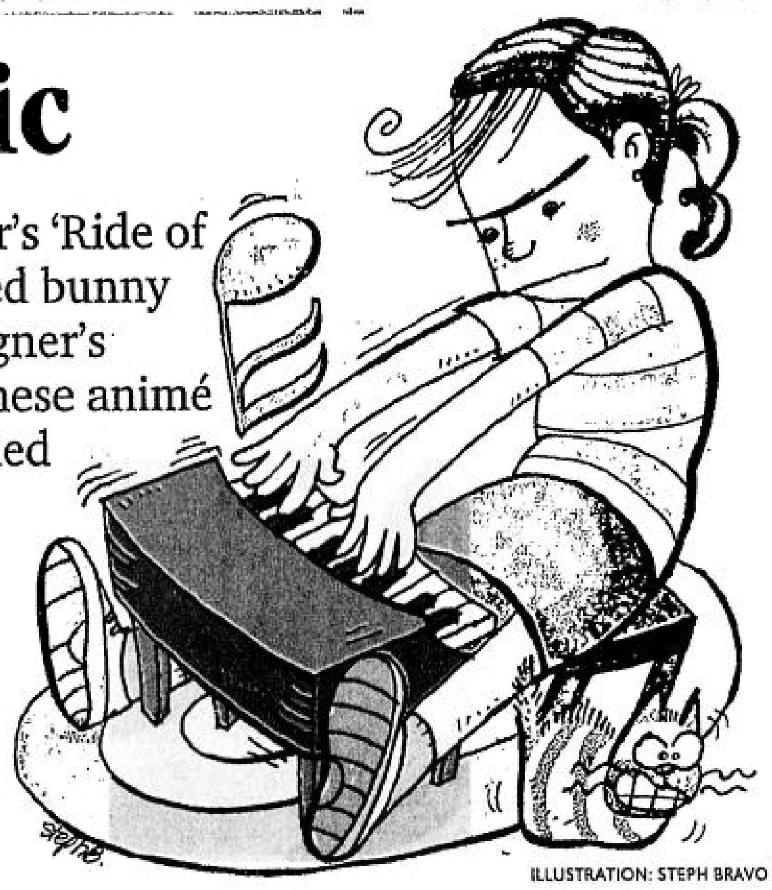
> Bugs Bunny hums Wagner's 'Ride of the Valkyries,' the knighted bunny descends the stage in Wagner's 'Tannhauser' and in Japanese animé sad scenes are accompanied by Beethoven's 'Moonlight Sonata'



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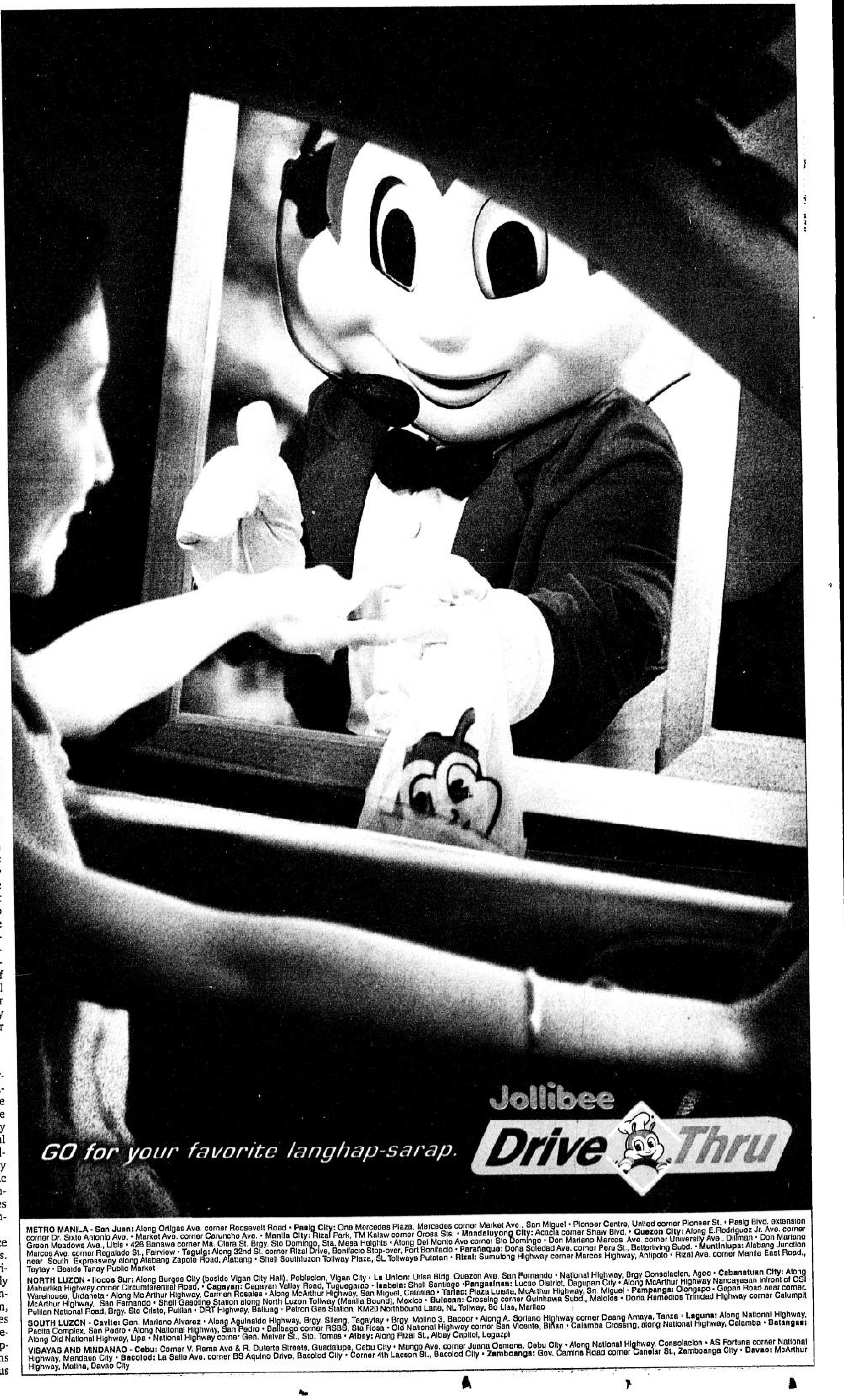
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The world-famous choir will be in Manila for a rare one-night concert for the children of war-scarred Basilan

Vienna Boys Choir in Manila

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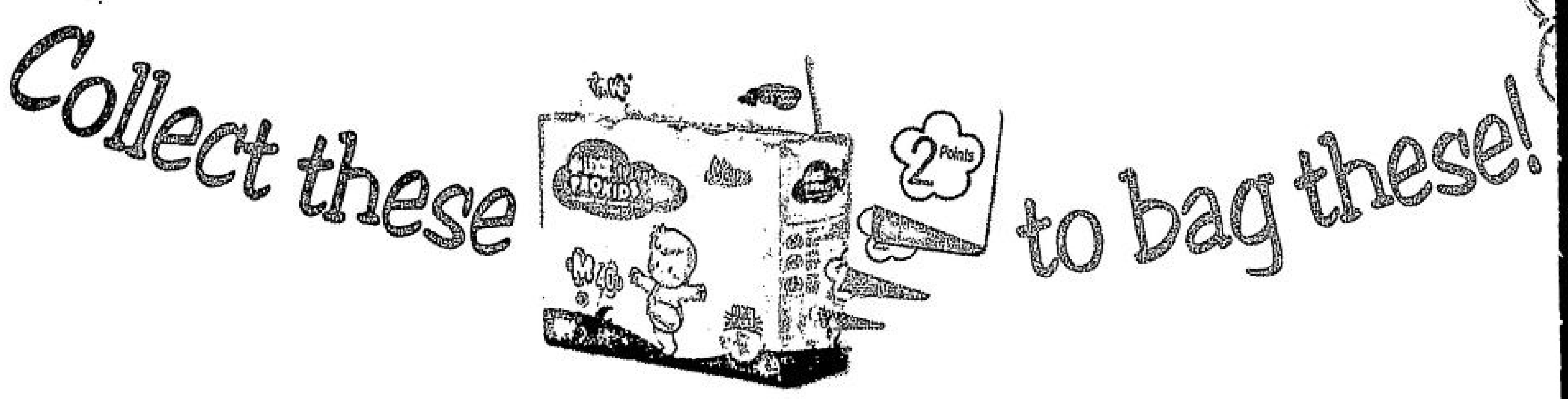
1498 as a small intimate choir for Emperor Maximilian I of Austria. The choir sang exclusively for the king's court during Mass, at private concerts and on state occasions.

In 1918, after the downfall of the Habsburg Empire, the Austrian government took into custody the court opera but not the choirboys, thanks to the initiative of Joseph Schnitt, who became dean of the imperial chapel in 1921. Schnitt established the choir as a private institution. The choir gave concerts, performing motets, secular songs and children's operas. Soon, the choir performed in Berlin and eventually toured countries in Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas.

In the Manila concert of the choir, a very limited number of tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cocktails will be served at the theater lobby prior to the concert. Call the corporate affairs office at 526-9250/72/65.

The Vienna Boys' Choir will be staying at the Pearl Manila Hotel during their visit.



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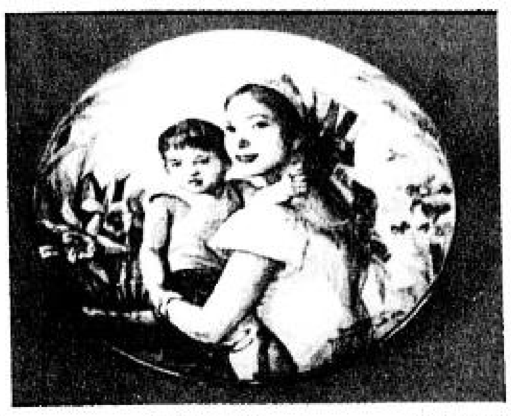
Luz and Castillo artworks to be sold at CWC bazaar

THE CATHOLIC Women's Club's (CWC) "Casa y Jardin" bazaar will be held in two venues this year. On Oct. 13, it will be at the Hotel Inter-Continental grand ballroom, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and on Oct. 20 at the Makati Sports Club, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chairing the bazaar, held under the leadership of president Lulu Castañeda, is the mother-daughter team of Mimi and Nikki Valerio.

The bazaar will feature homemade specialties cooked and baked by Chat Pueo, perennial chair of this section, and other members at the holiday foods table. Pueo will offer Spanish chorizos, *aceitunas alineadas*, chicken *relleno* and pineapple upside-down cake. Menggay Cabarru is preparing spicy cheese spread and Spanish *tortas*. Buyers can also choose from a wide array of vegetable *acharas*, jams, chutneys, liver paté, *bibingkas*, *kakanins*, cakes, cookies and pastries.



"MOTHER and Child," limited edition plate by Dante Castillo

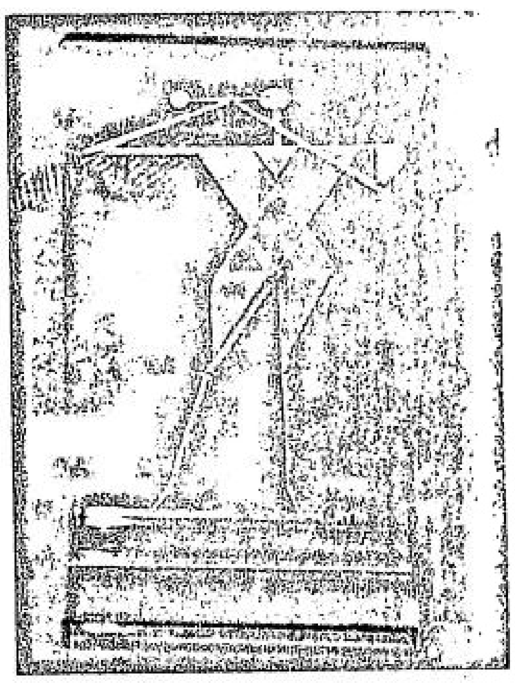
On sale are the limited edition blue-and-white porcelain plates, in a section chaired by Joey Sobrepeña. The featured artist this year is Dante Castillo, known for his paintings of mother and child. An Arturo Luz glass etching will be on sale in another section chaired by Bambi Harper. The National Artist is expected to be in both venues 2-4 p.m. to sign the certificate that accompanies the etching commissioned by CWC for its 80th anniversary.

The popular and traditional gold elephant table is chaired by Julie Epes. It carries various items donated by members that will be sold at giveaway prices.

Other members of the bazaar committee are Tess Castro, Shirley Uy, Charrie Lim, Marilen Elizalde, Myrna Borromeo, Linda Pastoral and Nene Leonor.

The bazaar will have 255 concessionaires selling Christmas décor, branded clothes, export overruns, antiques, silk flowers and trees, jewelry, housewares, ethnic wares, native and imported bags, wrought iron, Zen fountains, candles, toys.

Proceeds of the bazaars will go to CWC's more than 80 beneficiaries. CWC has built three pavilions at Elsie Gaches Village for the mentally handicapped.



"EL Musico," glass etching by National Artist Arturo Luz

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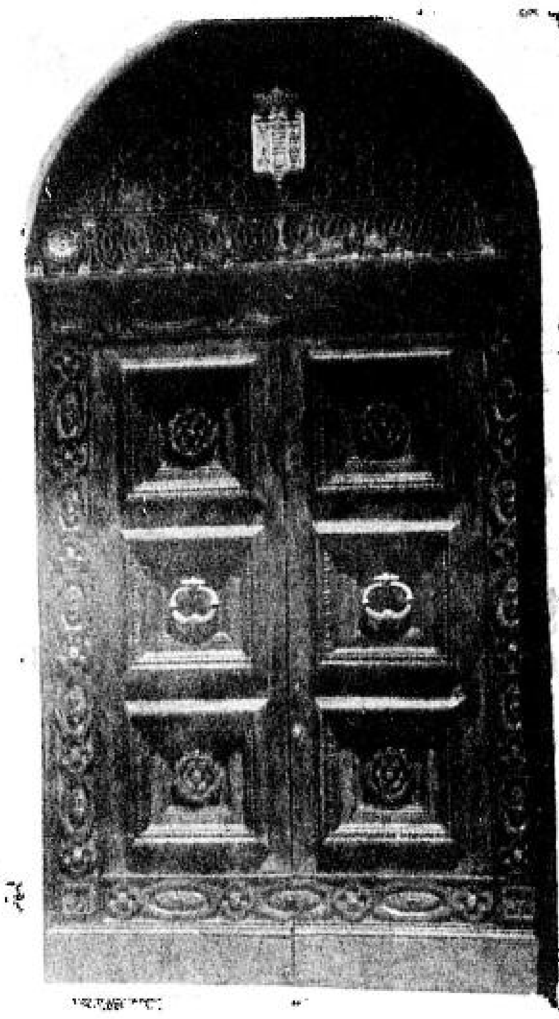
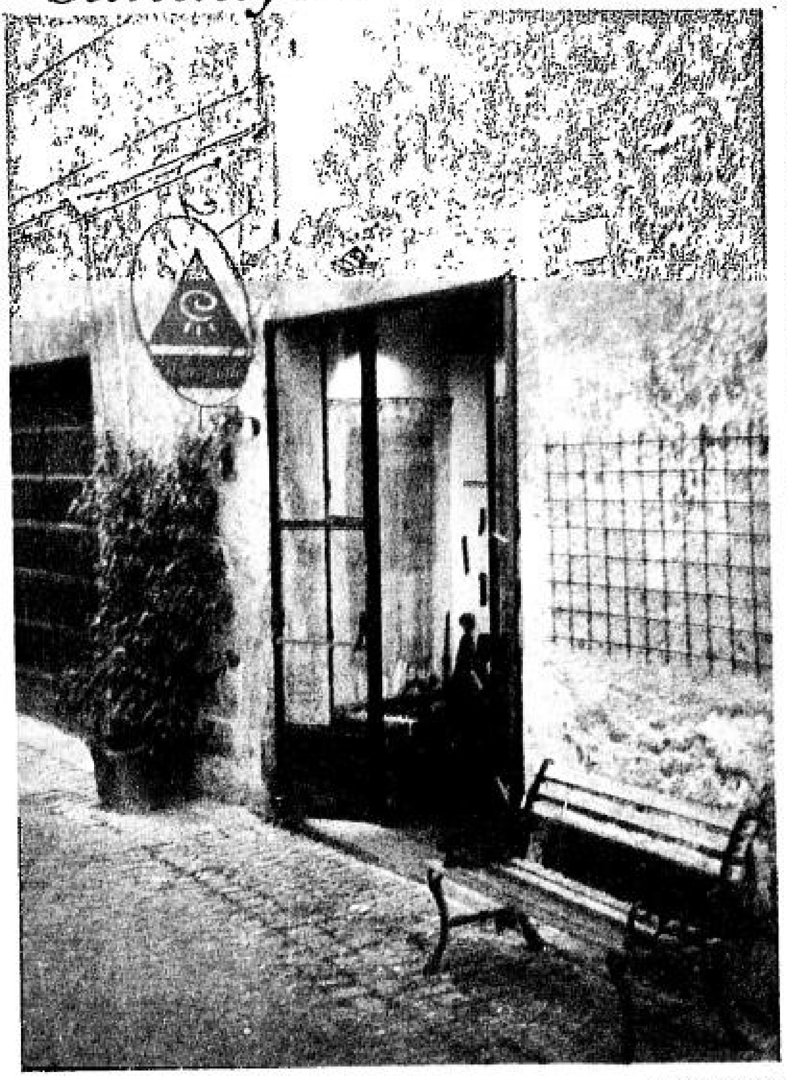




Italian openings and closings

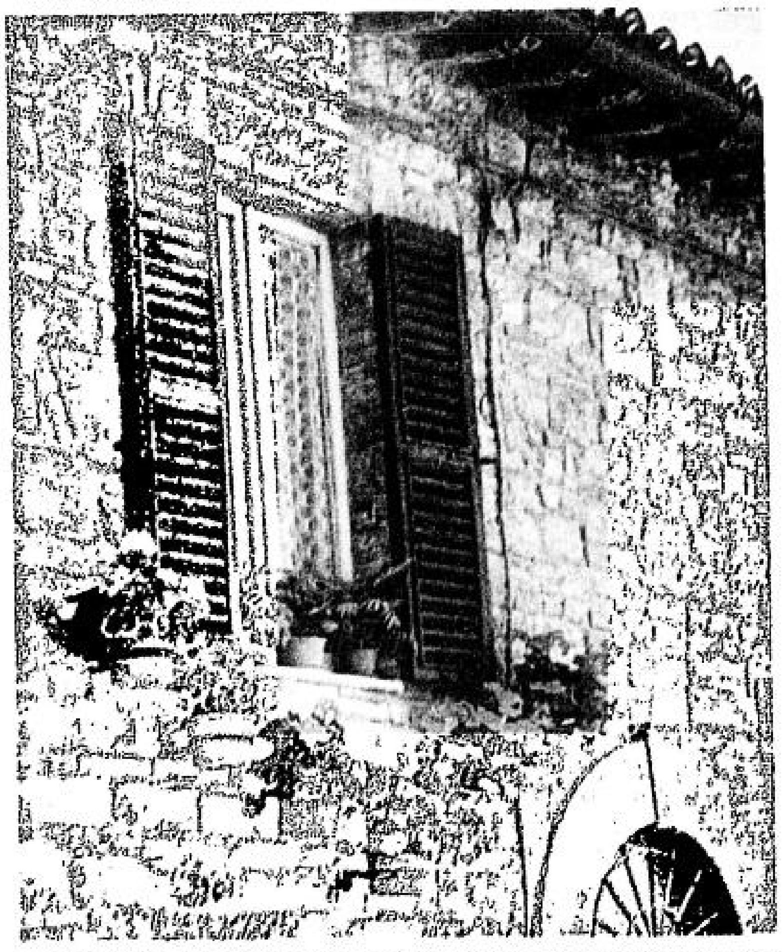
Text and photos by Chelo Banal-Formoso

WHAT to do in Italy when, camera in hand, you set off on foot on a hot summer's day and follow the narrow brick roads? For one, you can chart an obsessive quest for openings and closings.

In this alley, do a quick survey of Italian portals—old doors with drying garlic perhaps to ward off spiteful spirits, solid doors, carved doors, doors with Attitude, even cheerfully demented doors. In the next, bask in the flaming colors of flowers in window boxes, the amazing grace they lend to otherwise drab walls, how they romance the stones and the grillwork of Mediterranean balconies.

The visual eloquence of Italy is both exhilarating and exasperating because there's no way you can cover everything—not in an afternoon or two, not even in a whole season of light and love.

What mystery lurks behind each door, what private passions are muted or unleashed behind the shutters are never revealed to travelers. You're just passing through and for you it's an open-and-shut case.



Send a card and raise cancer awareness

THE ZONTA Club of Makati and Environs Foundation Inc. with Hallmark Cards launches a project that aims to raise awareness of breast cancer and assist victims of the disease on Sept. 24 at The Café J, Milky Way Building, Pasay Road, Makati City.

The collaborative venture was arranged through Monica R. Aveo, chair of the Breast Cancer Awareness committee of the two organizations.

Hallmark has produced a special line of "everyday greeting cards" for the project dubbed "Cards for the Cure." The cards carry touching themes and are meant to uplift and inspire. Each card includes a leaflet containing facts on breast cancer.

Part of proceeds from sales will be used for medicines of breast cancer patients and for promoting breast cancer awareness through the Zonta Club.

The launching of the project, held in cooperation with Woman Today Magazine, ushers in the annual observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. During the launch, Dr. Diana Cua, breast surgical oncologist, will receive the Bessie B. Legarda Memorial Award 2002 for promoting breast cancer awareness.

Previous awardees include Dr. Stephanie Jeffrey, breast surgeon from Stanford University, California (2000); and Linda L. Panutat, co-founder of Bosom Buddies (2001).

Also collaborating with Zonta Makati and Hallmark on the project is Bosom Buddies, an international support group for breast cancer survivors.

When Tweety met Kitty

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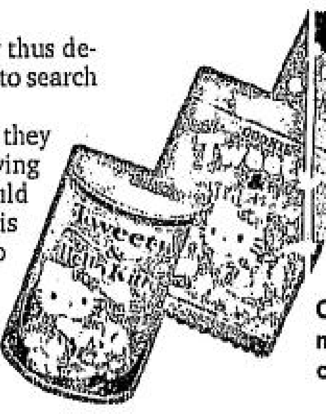
friend, she supported his plan. They thus decided to take a balloon trip together to search for the perfect shooting star.

In spite of the many shooting stars they saw, Tweety was having trouble saying his wish quickly since the stars would disappear before he could state his wish thrice. So they continued to search for stars in the evening and enjoy riding their balloon during the day. They charted the stars, sang songs to each other and often took naps together.

One day, after crossing the Pacific, they found a huge shooting star moving towards the direction of Japan. They followed the star, which landed in the woods. With the shooting star sparkling right in front of them, Kitty said to Tweety, "You can finally make your wish!" But Tweety didn't seem happy. He knew that if his wish came true, the fun trip with Kitty would end. So Tweety instead said, "I want to be friends with Kitty forever! I want to be friends with Kitty forever! I want to be friends with Kitty forever!"

Kitty and Tweety became friends forever even as they both made their way home. Kitty and Tweety continue to be the best of friends sharing stories, e-mailing everyday, traveling together and visiting each other.

The Tweety and Kitty designs are exclusively distributed by Gift Gate Inc. Tweety and Kitty is now available at Gift Gate Gallery, Megamall and Greenhills.



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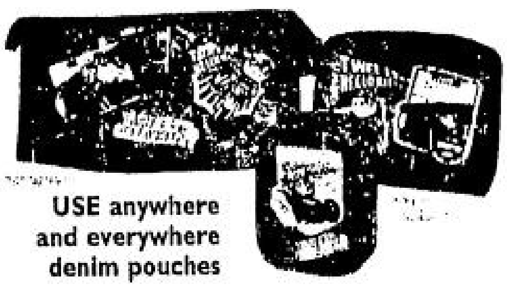

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Help Your Kids Stay Fit for Life

If you're a mother raising young children, of course you want them to be physically fit while they're growing up, to help them stay healthy later in life.

But, you'll say, that's easier said than done, and rightly so! Growing up fit nowadays is actually harder for your kids than it was for you. Health experts worry that more Filipino children are not getting enough physical exercise, and are not eating properly. Therefore, more of them are growing up unhealthy.

You know the reasons why. Your kids now have activities which you didn't have at that age, thanks to advances in technology and urbanization, like net surfing, computer games, cable TV, malling. These activities are often more attractive than those involving healthy physical exercise. They have more food choices, especially out of home, and they tend to decide what to eat based on taste rather than good nutrition.

Noted sports nutritionist for the Philippine Team, Sanirosa Orbeta, says that in the past, obesity or being overweight was due to one's genes. At present, she says, obesity is due 35% to genes and 65% to the food environment. She calls our kids today the "big gulp generation," because they want bigger food portions

Obesity is caused by a sedentary lifestyle among Filipinos, says Orbeta. If kids grow up accustomed to such a lifestyle, chances are they will stay with it as adults. Obesity can also cause low self-esteem, which in turn can inhibit a child from interacting normally with others, especially in school.

As a mom, given the constraints on your time and attention, you are already doing your best to feed your kids properly. You plan a balanced diet that includes all the food groups: carbohydrates, protein, essential fats, vitamins and minerals, milk and water, because they need to keep hydrated all day. You serve them a good daily breakfast. You try to limit their junk food intake. You stock a healthy beverage like MILO, the chocolate energy drink they prefer.

What else can you do? "Get your kids involved in sports! It's the best way for them to become fit and stay fit," suggests Orbeta. Sports are great forms of exercise. Sports like basketball, tennis, swimming, soccer, martial arts, or track and field are ideal for kids. These activities help your kids develop a healthier heart. They make their muscles stronger and fitter. Sports, as a form of exercise makes their bodies flexible too. Playing sports makes your kids feel good, because the exercise can release endorphins, chemicals that cause a happy feeling in the brain. Plus, sports give them a sense of accomplishment and teaches them values like discipline, perseverance, and teamwork.

Orbeta also advises that it's important for your kids to enjoy sports once they get into it. "Sports should be fun. When it becomes a chore, kids tend to lose interest," she says, "so see to it they're having a good time."

"Better still," she says, "you can take up sports together or start a fitness regimen for yourself, so you become a role model for your kids. They learn best by example. You can have fun and bond together with sports. Besides, it will be good not only for them, but for you too!"

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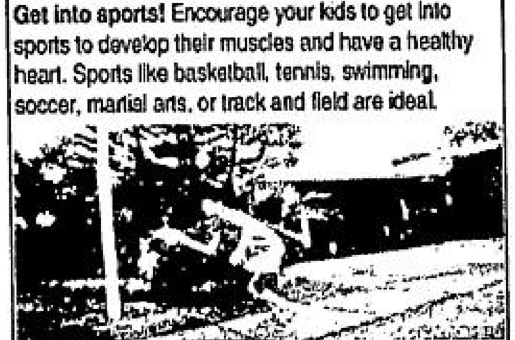

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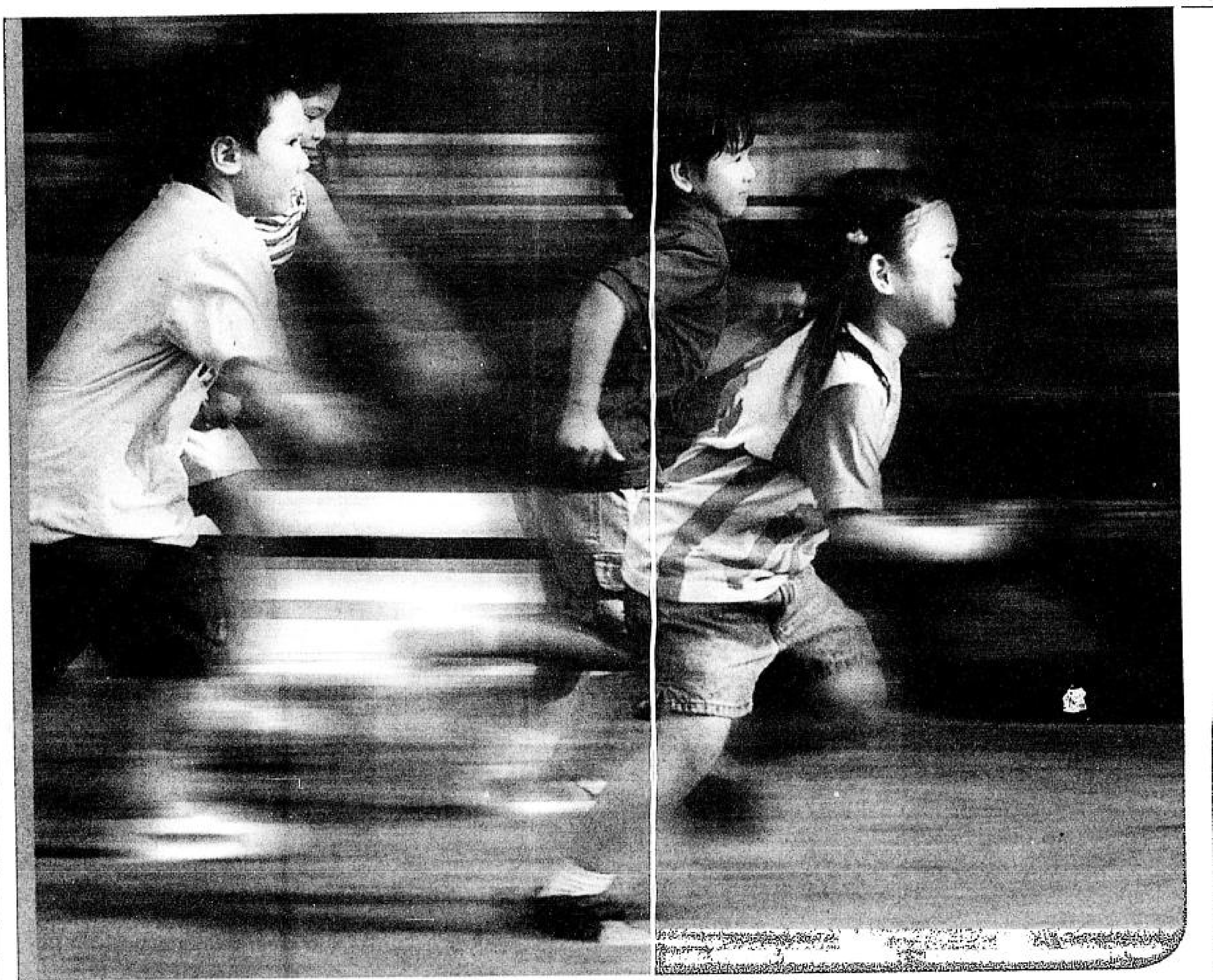
In addition to proper exercise, give your kids a healthy diet with the right mix of nutrients.



HOW FAR CAN YOUR CHILD GO IN THE RACE CALLED LIFE?

The last time you looked, he was toying with his teether. Today, he'd rather hang out with his own group of friends. With everything that's going on in his life, is it ever possible for him to run out of energy?

EVERYDAY IS A RACE

He may be merely a child, but the many activities he goes through can easily drain your child of his energy. There are always different challenges--the demands of school, the stamina for play, and the drive to succeed over his peers. With such intense daily competition, he is bound to get tired sooner than you think.

THE CHALLENGE OF KEEPING UP

It's tough to keep up. As a parent, more focus and attention should be given to your child's energy and nutrient needs. These will determine how far he can go to achieve his goals.

To ensure that your child gets all he needs, give him a glass of MILO before he leaves for school. Not only is it an ideal breakfast drink that's rich in chocolatey taste, it's also packed with vitamins and nutrients to boost your child's energy requirements. And to make sure that your child copes, pack a bottle of MILO RTD to help him last the day.

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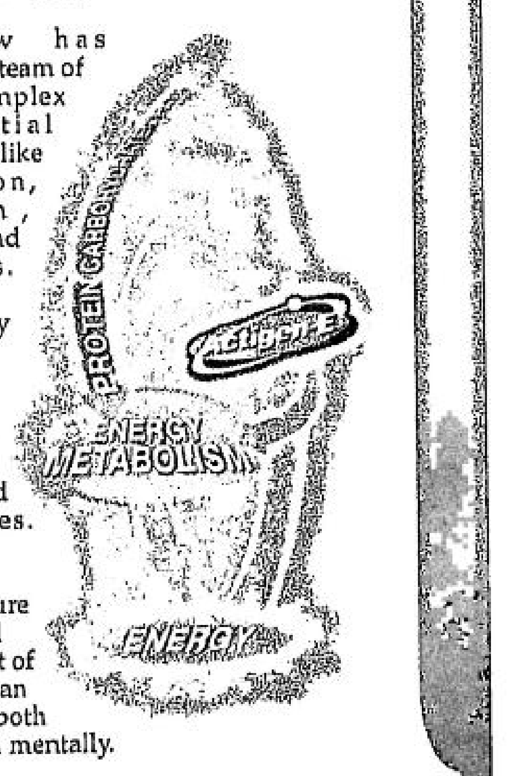
Help your child reach his goals. Give him MILO everyday.



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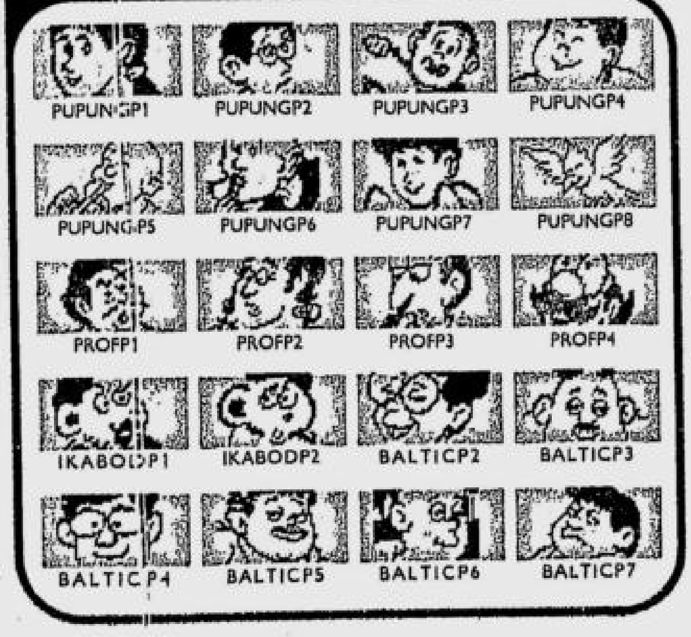
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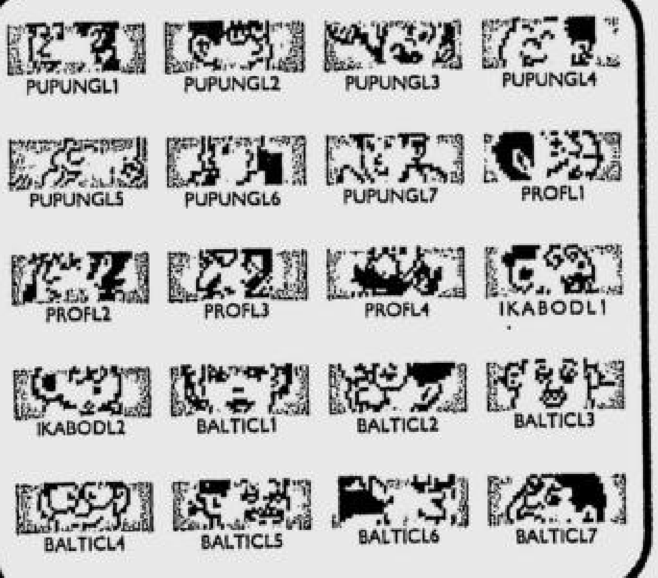
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Kodak renews partnerships with dealers nationwide

Kodak Philippines has renewed agreements with its hundreds of photo dealers nationwide, firming up the company's commitment to deliver higher quality in imaging, storing and customer service in Kodak Express outlets all over the country.

"The continued superiority of Kodak in the country is a testament to the excellent relationships between Kodak Philippines and the Kodak Express dealers nationwide. The renewal of contracts with our existing partners and the forging of new partnerships will only redound to better service for our loyal customers," Timmy Jayme, Kodak Philippines consumer imaging marketing operations manager, said.

As part of the contract renewal process, Kodak evaluated the needs of the different Kodak Express franchisees and came up with changes that would ensure the strengthening of the businesses of their dealers.

Jayme explained that under the new Kodak Express Quality Monitoring Service Program, Kodak Philippines enhanced marketing support mechanisms available to Kodak Express dealers.

The new Program gives Kodak Express dealers increased access to advertising vehicles, more trade incentives and in-store promotions. Kodak Express dealers will also get more dedicated architectural support for consistency in signage and store looks.

Kodak has also set relevant training for Kodak Express staff and dedicated account managers to provide advice to these dealers in an effort to ensure that quality standards of Kodak are constantly being met.

"Kodak has a tradition of quality and service that cannot be compromised. We have made our quality standards more stringent as part of our commitment to Kodak's loyal customers who have been accustomed to excellent quality and service," Jayme explained.

Jayme added that Kodak Philippines has also begun expanding the breadth of services that these Kodak Express stores are delivering to customers such as the growing interest in digital technology. To date, there are 30 digital-enabled labs all over the country and Jayme said the number is still expected to grow as Kodak Express dealerships are positioned to lead in the digital photo revolution.

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6. Winners will be drawn in Eat Bulaga at GMA-7 on January 15, 2003.
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10. Winners will shoulder 20% tax on cash prizes for the raffle.
11. Winners must claim their prizes within 60 days from receipt of notification via registered mail.
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"VEILED" young broccoli

A LETTUCE plot

A HYDROPONICS greenhouse

ROWS of organically grown vegetables

New take on nature-tripping

Filipinos, who might never have been in a farm or who fancy the idea of starting one, get a chance to get up close and personal with a thriving, productive and modern agricultural concern

SEGREGATION of trash is one of the principles observed in the agri-tourism complex.

Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido

IF YOU'RE wanting to be closer to nature but not quite up to the exhausting long treks in the deep woods, scaling a mountain or shooting the rapids, you might want to try your hand at harvesting vegetables, catching fish or, if you are city-born and bred, just learning to tell a mango tree from a jackfruit or a tomato plant from pepper.

Leisure Farms in Lemery, Batangas, an hour and a half away from Manila, is pioneering the concept of agri-tourism, a pleasure trip for the purpose of—if only for a day (may be later for a weekend)—getting the feel of farm life. Landco Pacific Corporation has set aside 13 hectares of a 116-hectare property for an agri-tourism complex. Like the main part of the property, the idea is to get Filipinos, who might never have been in a farm or who fancy the idea of starting one, a chance to get up close and personal with a thriving, productive and modern agricultural concern employing some of the latest in agricultural technologies.

ALFRED Xerez Burgos III, Leisure Farms' AVP and SBU head

But while the 113 hectares is meant for people who are willing to invest in a farm lot and really try their hands at growing something, the agri-tourism complex is meant primarily for those who would rather see and admire but eager to pick the fruits of nature's bounty. Both groups, however, are expected to benefit from whatever lessons can be learned from the rows and rows of vegetable plots using hybrid, hydroponics, organic, vermiculture (the use of earthworms) and other technologies.

Although cultivation of the designated farm lots is still not 100 percent, Leisure Farms already has eager buyers for its produce of honeydew melons, different kinds of lettuce, bell peppers in various colors, tomatoes and various herbs.

A pond has already been seeded with *tilapia* waiting to be caught or, for the unlucky ones, be part of tall tales about the big one that got away.

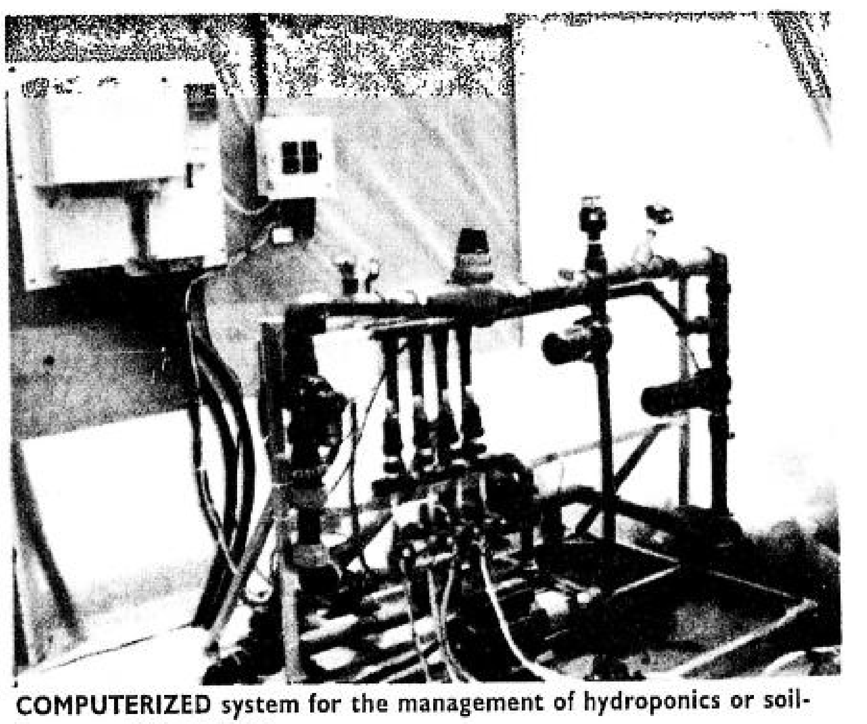
And, of course, being in *barako* country, Leisure Farms would be remiss if it failed to include coffee in its collection of crops. So recently, the company signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Figaro Coffee Company for the development of the Figaro Coffee Park. The Filipino-owned coffee company will supply the technology for the park, Figaro's first showcase farm. The park will not only have a café, but will give visitors a chance to witness the whole coffee-making process—growing, roasting, grinding and brewing.

To be added soon are butterfly park, flower and bee farms, among others.

When fully operational, the complex will allow visitors to pick the produce they will buy, a rare pleasure many consumers, wanting only the freshest of the fresh, will not want to pass up.

Mutating

The agri-tourism complex might be said to have resulted from a series of "mutations." Initially, Landco planned to use the whole property to develop a golf course. A sluggish economy had the company reviewing its plans. Then pursuing a master's degree, Alfred Xerez Burgos III, AVP and SBU head, decided to make an alternative plan for the property the subject of his thesis, which then became the blueprint for what is now Leisure Farms.



COMPUTERIZED system for the management of hydroponics or soilless vegetable gardens

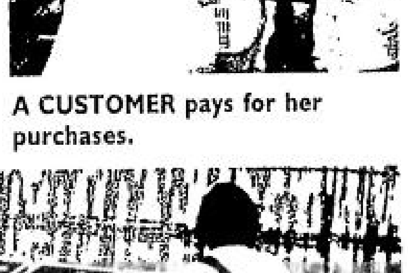
As the property was being developed into a second or weekend home for people eager to experience the rustic lifestyle, what was to become the agri-tourism complex started as a support system—a network of demonstration farms where Leisure Farms homeowners could learn agricultural technologies, draw skilled people to take care of their own gardens, get supplies and planting materials.

But Burgos said they saw the potential of a different tourist destination, especially for those eager to experience nature first-hand—not quite the rugged outdoors but also without most of the modern conveniences. For an entrance fee of from P50 to P100, guests can enjoy a whole day of being close to nature—fresh, unpolluted air, lots of greenery, no high-rises and very few concrete structures.

"Kids spend more time in malls, engaged in video games that they do not know plants," Burgos noted. So the complex will have a kids' farm where the little ones can learn not only about trees and plants but also how to grow them. Burgos said plants and trees in the complex would be labeled so visitors would know what they were looking at.

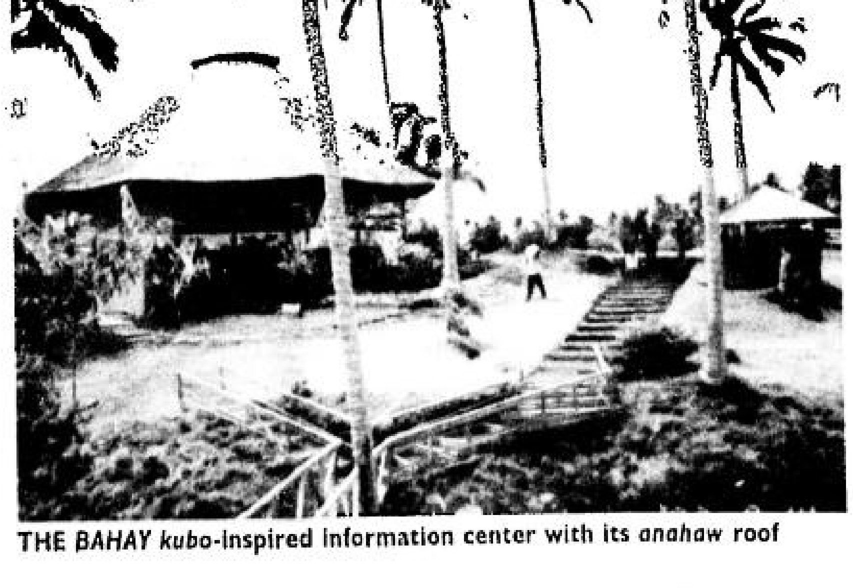
The Culinary Center of Asia is planning to put up a restaurant and also operate a test kitchen where visitors can learn different dishes, perhaps even pick up a few new ideas about what to do with the produce they will harvest. Hobby and craft centers might also be set up so both kids and adult could pick up new skills.

With all the planned attractions, guests might find that a day would not be enough to enjoy everything the farm had to offer. Burgos said they were considering asking a hotel chain to open a facility in the complex for visitors who would want to make it an entire weekend of farm living.

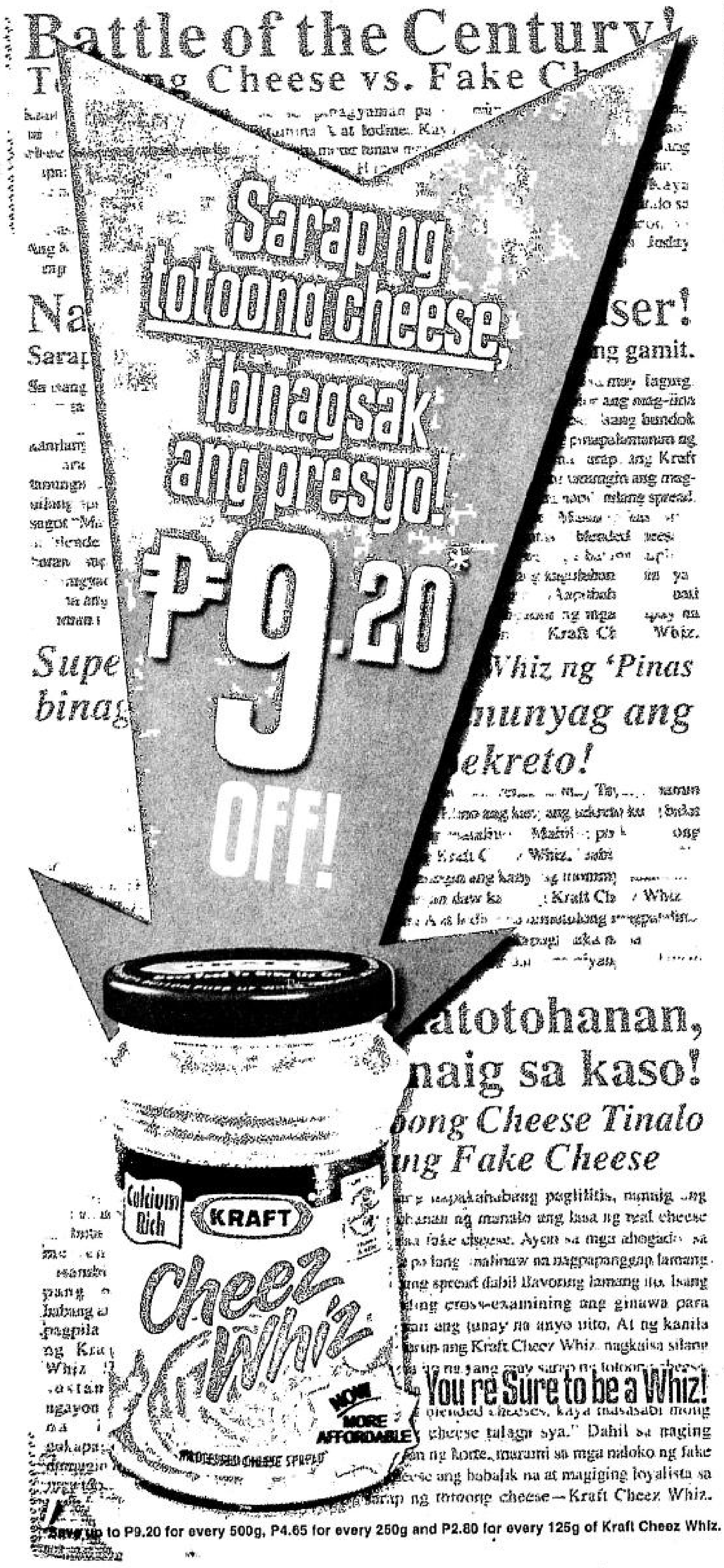


A CUSTOMER pays for her purchases.

A CUSTOMER selects from boxes of honeydew melons.



THE *BAHAY kubo*-inspired information center with its *anahaw* roof



*Save up to P9.20 for every 500g, P4.65 for every 250g and P2.80 for every 125g of Kraft Cheez Whiz.

Cheering competition in Alabang mall

COLLEGE and high school cheering squads will outdo one another as Alabang Town Center (ATC), the premier shopping and entertainment mall south of Manila, holds another Town Cheers Cheering Competition on Sept. 28 and 29, 5 p.m., at the mall's activity center.

Cheering groups from De La Salle Zobel, OB Montessori, School of St. Anthony, St. Mary's College, Agustinian School of Cabuyao, Mater Ecclesiae and St. Rita College will compete in the high school category on Sept. 28, while De La Salle University, DLSU-College of St. Benilde, St. Benedict College, San Sebastian College and Adamson University will strut their energetic moves for the college division on Sept. 29.

On Oct. 5, watch the cheerleaders sashay at the catwalk with some of Bench's and Human's top image models during the awarding ceremonies at the Corte de las Palmas at 7 p.m. Town Cheers is one of the signature community events mounted by ATC.

She's having second thoughts about a chatroom pal

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I've been married for five years now, and living with my family in Singapore. I chat with friends on the Internet, and that was where I met Dino last month. He is Pinoy like me, 33, single and based in LA.

I've been honest with him and told him I'm married, as I have been honest with my husband, who permits me to chat on the Internet.

Dino and I have been chatting for only two weeks when he told me how he feels for me. Sometimes, he would call on my mobile phone or text me.

He has been asking me how I feel for him, but I've never given him an answer. Although I find him nice, I just don't believe someone can be in love with someone he has never met. And even if I might feel something for him, I think it will be unfair to tell him so. My husband trusts me and I don't want to betray him. Besides, I love my husband.

Recently, I told Dino that my family would visit Manila in December. He said he, too, would be there for a vacation, and suggested that we meet. I asked my husband about it, and he said okay, but reminded me about how much he trusts me.

Though I'd like to meet Dino, there's something in me that says no. What do you think?

A.H.

I, too, believe that we can't love someone whom we've never seen and interacted much with in person. To me, loving someone means accepting the whole person, "warts and all." But one's bad side is the last thing we see in a text mate, or in a phone/pen/e-mail/chatroom pal. Such a person has no "warts" because the way you communicate with him allows you to see only what he wants you to see: his good side.

So when a guy says that he loves you, as in sweethearts, then he is only either fooling himself or pulling your leg, or doing both. In any case, he is bad news.

(If I may digress: The better kind is one who, after saying he's attracted to you, asks that you meet for lunch or snack. That's his way of saying that he does not want to jump to conclusions—and that you should not either. And to prove his good intentions, he himself should suggest that you bring along someone, and that you meet in a very public place. He earns an extra point if he suggests a good time for your little party to break, that way neither of you would have to make up lame excuses to exit in case one finds the other insufferable.)

Dino is bad news, and that's probably why something in you says you should not meet him. He's bad news because he either can't tell the difference between love and admiration. And he's bad news because he assumes that any married woman who frequents the chatroom intends to share more than her free time with the guys she meets there.

He has a very low regard of you. If Dino were your husband, he himself would never trust you to meet with a chatroom pal.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati City

Fresh New Role for Christopher De Leon

Multi-awarded actor, entertainer and respected TV host Christopher de Leon has a new and fresh role to tackle nowadays. De Leon recently agreed to become the celebrity endorser of Listerine, the market leader and proven germ-killing mouthwash.

Still one of the most sought-after lead actors in Philippine cinema, Christopher's charisma goes way beyond the ordinary. Talent, professionalism and his ability to excel beyond current standards are key factors in his never-waning popularity and staying power. In an industry that puts much stock on new faces, Christopher de Leon remains as an icon that every aspiring actor hopes to emulate.

One philosophy that Christopher is diligent on is accepting roles that he really believes in.

During a break in the shoot of the new Listerine .commercial, Christopher gamely shares some of his views with us.

What made you agree to endorse Listerine? "I have been using Listerine for a long time now. It was actually my dentist that recommended the brand, so it did not take much convincing when Listerine approached me to endorse the brand for them. My dentist is a member of the Philippine Dental Association, and she told me that it's the only mouthwash brand that the association recognizes. I feel privileged to accept this new role."

Christopher is a long-time Listerine user. According to the actor, it makes sense to choose Listerine over other brands since it works for him. "It is actually a habit with me already. With the amount of time I work with a lot of people, I'm confident to know that Listerine is taking care of my oral health without me worrying too much about it."

Leading a high profile lifestyle is normal for him. "I spend 3-4 days a week for our GMA-7 telenovela *Ang Iibigin ay Ikaw* and one day for *Who Wants to be A Millionaire?*, but I make sure I have enough quality time for my family. When I do accept a movie offer, it does become more hectic, so I try to consider roles that I think can make a difference, not only in the movie industry, but also for those who see it."

The new Listerine commercial shows Christopher in a typical morning "slice-of-life." The campaign will be showing in major networks and newspapers starting today.

The new campaign also states the results of laboratory tests showing that Listerine is clinically proven to kill 99.9% of mouth germs against bad breath, plaque and gingivitis.

"I'm glad to be associated with Listerine. It's the best mouthwash there is. If there is an award to be given in its category, I'm sure Listerine will win it, hands down."

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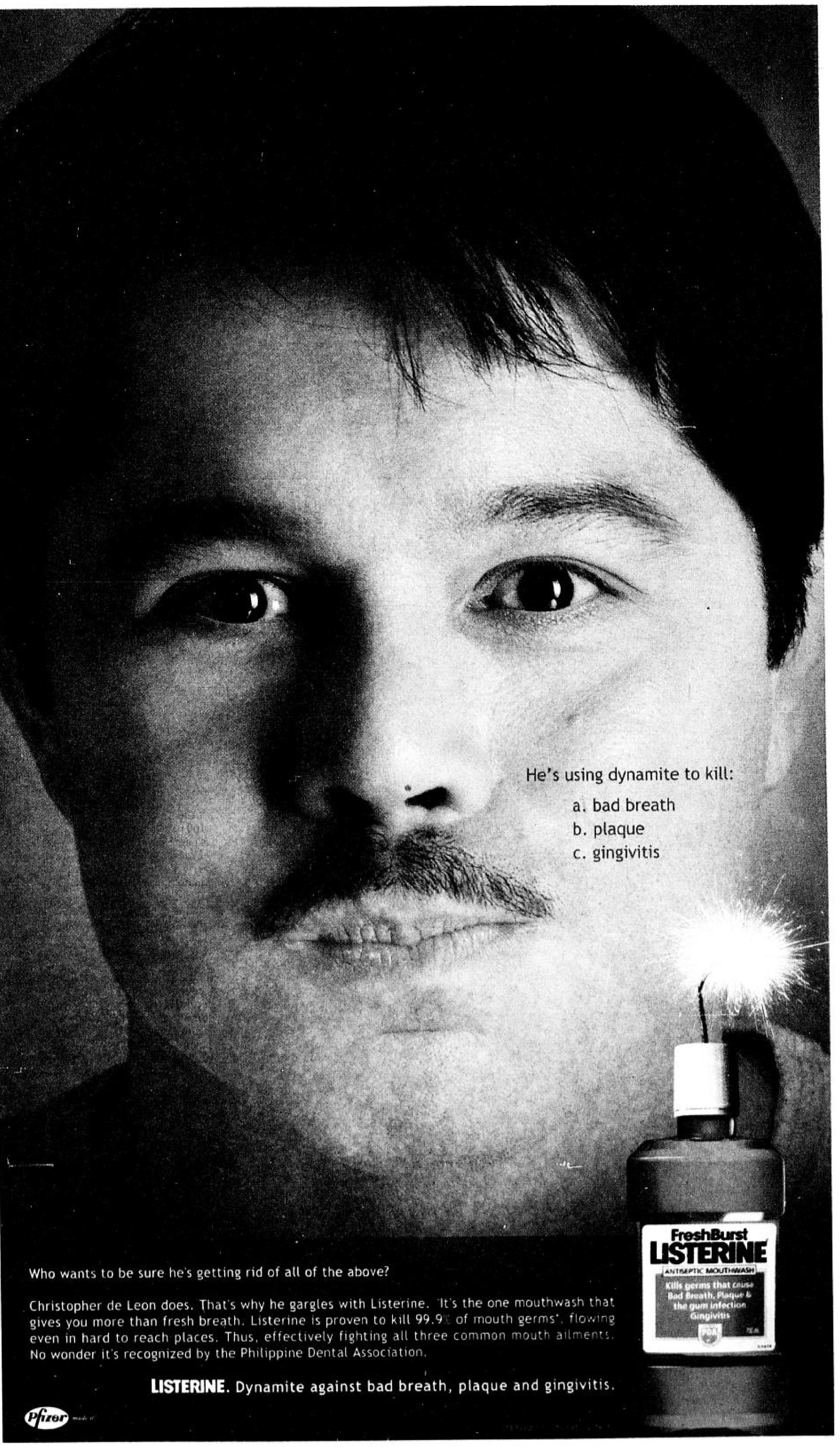
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b. plaque
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Christopher de Leon does. That's why he gargles with Listerine. It's the one mouthwash that gives you more than fresh breath. Listerine is proven to kill 99.9% of mouth germs*, flowing even in hard to reach places. Thus, effectively fighting all three common mouth ailments. No wonder it's recognized by the Philippine Dental Association.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

MUST-HAVE FASHION COLOR. Purple reigns.

Purple is color of fashion season

COLOR of the season—plum rules. Everyone knows black is back, but another color highlighted in the Fall/Winter 2002 collections is plum or shades of purple. A lot of major designers from Ferreti, Miu Miu, Jil Sander and McQueen included this rich and deep color in their shows. Use of the color though can be quite tricky. Plum and deep purple look best on fair-skinned women while lilac and other paler shades look good in darker women.

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

Anton San Diego

Best and Worst Dressed lists: Don't worry, they're not the Philippines' lists, at least not yet. People magazine has published its annual issue on the best and worst dressed celebrities. Among the losers—Chelsea Clinton's from college student to Donatella's younger sis look. Best dressed are Nicole Kidman, Halle Berry, Kate Hudson and Reese Witherspoon. Worst dressed: Pam Anderson, Christina Aguilera and Hillary Clinton.

Elevator stories: I really do not like elevators. I guess I really have something against cramped, confined places. Whenever I get into one, I can't wait to get out. A few weeks ago, I wrote about space and how Pinoys also do not have a sense of decorum when they are in an elevator. Even if they are standing behind you while waiting for the doors to open, they will try to enter the elevator ahead of you, sometimes even blocking the persons coming out. People have to realize an elevator is not a bus or the MRT. In the building where I work, elevators have mirrors. Wow, I have seen people doing the grossest things—looking at their noses or pressing some zits. Once I was with this woman who, from the ground to the 11th floor, just stared at herself in the mirror, smiling, frowning, making faces. I chanced upon her again another time and she did the same thing.

In the short time I spend in the elevator, I get to know what people had for lunch, who owes money to whom, etc. The worst is when the elevator is cramped and quiet, and then someone cuts gas or does something very Pinoy—making sounds with their teeth as they try to dislodge food stuck there. Oh well, some

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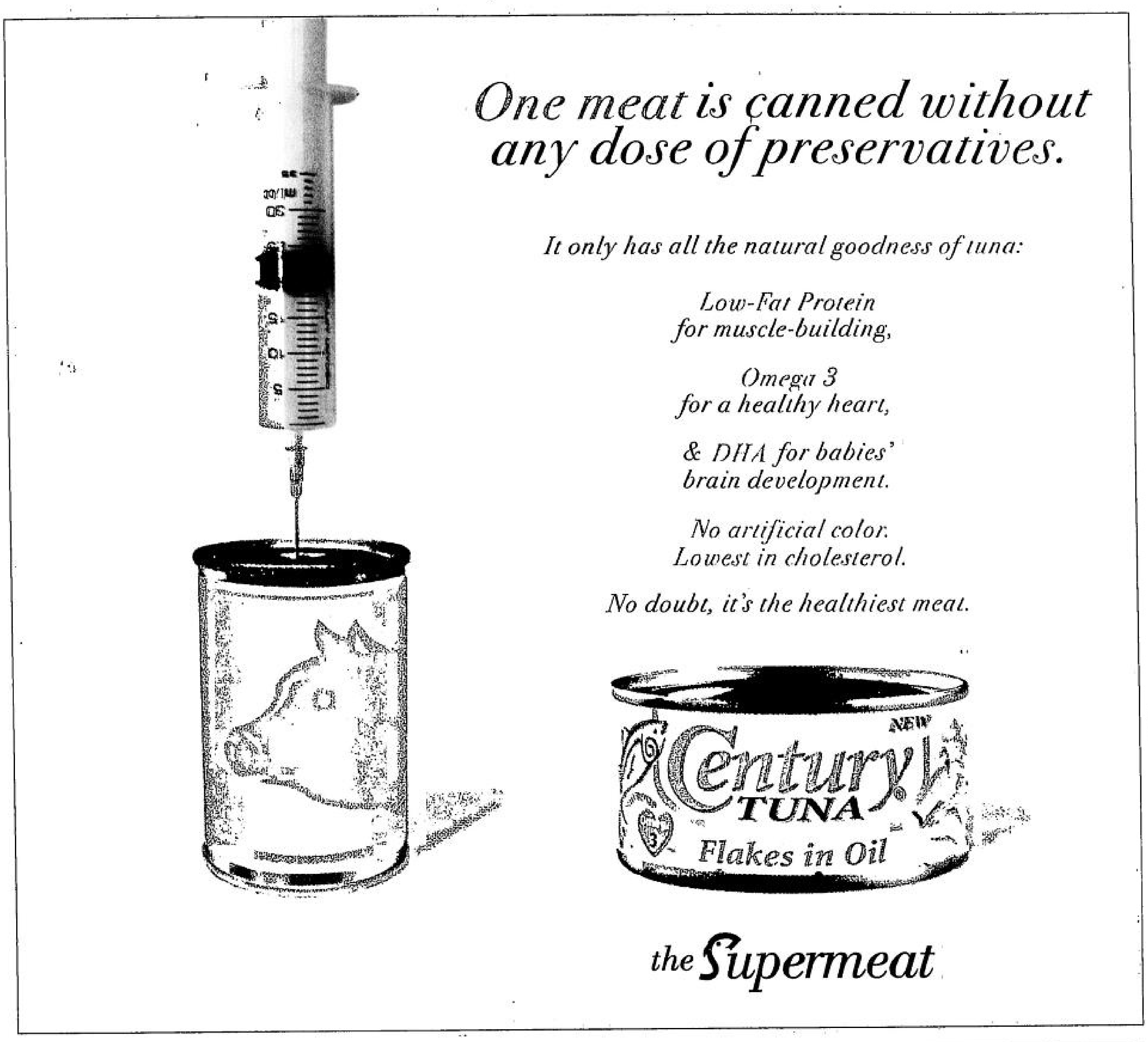

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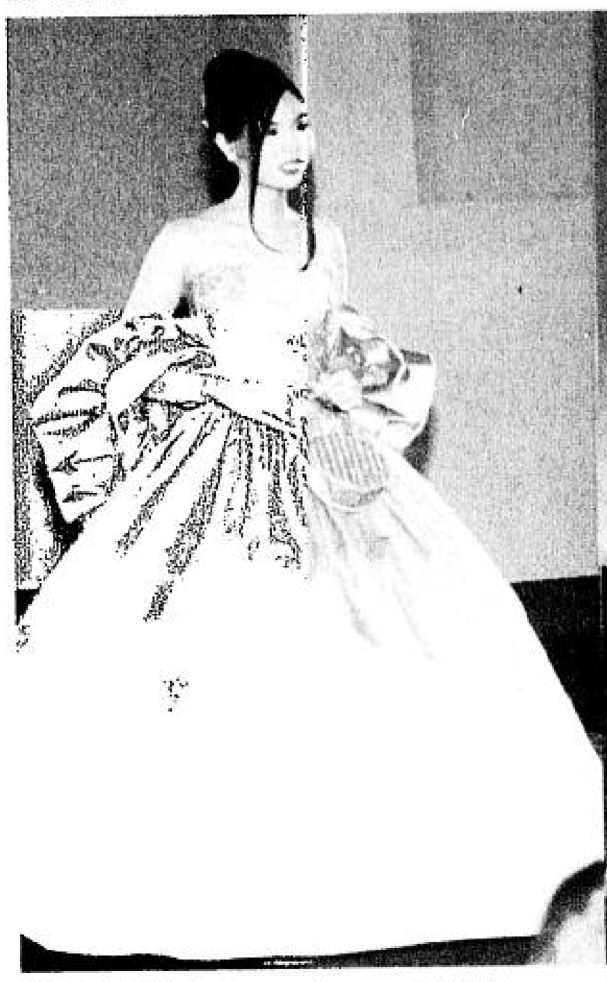
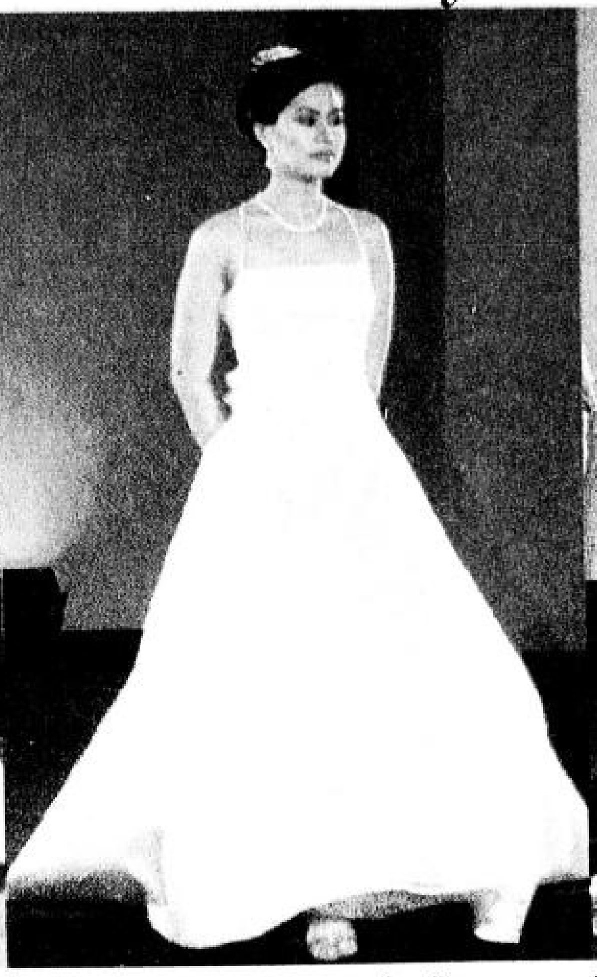


BADDEO. A chartreuse strapless gown in iridescent taffeta embellished with caviar and glass beads and accented with ruffled shawl.



BADDEO. Soft and supple--classic white gown with sunburst style beads.

PINEDA dresses his debutante in an Indian silk gown with Swarovski crytals.

ANNA Marie Falcon is stunning in a Fanny Serrano creation, an ultra feminine baby-pink gown.

Debs and brides model own gowns in unique show

Text by Belle Bondoc
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

REAL-life brides and debutantes took to the runway at the Holiday Inn Manila's bridal and debutante fair billed as "Radiance: Weddings and Debuts Beyond Imagination."

Featured designers were Eddie Baddeo, Eric Pineda, Renee Salud, Fanny Serrano, Edward Teng, Millete Guinto, Susie Bonaobra, Merry Cariaga, Alex Bitong, Danny de la Cuesta, Boyet Dysangco, Boying Eustaquio, Paolo Angela, Joel Pros, Joel Villaluna, and Ysabelle by Lawrence Lao, among others.

Individual styles

Bringing together talented people in one show, under the deft directorial hand of Raymond Villanueva, was definitely no joke. Sixteen designers presented their individual take on the ideal debutante dress. Each had something different to offer.

Baddeo opted for the sweet look. Each of his designs carried the romantic theme of the season. Soft and feminine beaded bodices distinguished his collection, which also stood out because of the accessories he chose to complement his designs.

Pineda's creations used rich fabric and were full of details. He relied on classic elements for his designs but updated them through the ingenuous use of fabric or other detail. Of course, his stunning collection carried his "trademark" Swarovski crystals.

Teng's collection aspired for a fairy tale-like effect. He opted for the silhouette of big ballroom gowns.

Stylist Serrano gave a demure Filipino look to his gown—simple yet attractive. His design would appeal to a woman who dreams of dressing up and looking feminine.

Guinto's collection was richly romantic, with handpainted floral prints in both top and skirt.

For the modern-day liberated woman, Salud's sensual creation would probably be the choice. Salud's was a violet, sequined gown with a matching shawl that covered the low back.

Products and services

The two-day event also featured an assortment of wedding products and services—bridal specialty shops, event planners and organizers, cake designers and catering services, florists, novelty items and souvenir shops, home furniture and accessories shops, invitations and stationery shops, photo and video studios and wine stores.

Guest experts talked on marriage and family relationships. Fair visitors were also treated to live band entertainment, concerts and previews of unique repertoires for the church ceremony and the wedding reception.

The fair was for the benefit of Holiday Inn Manila Cares, the hotel's youth outreach program. A substantial part of the proceeds will go to a fund that supports Senden Home, Kanlungan sa Ermita-Malate, Baseco School in Port Area and the Youth Career Development Program (YCDP).

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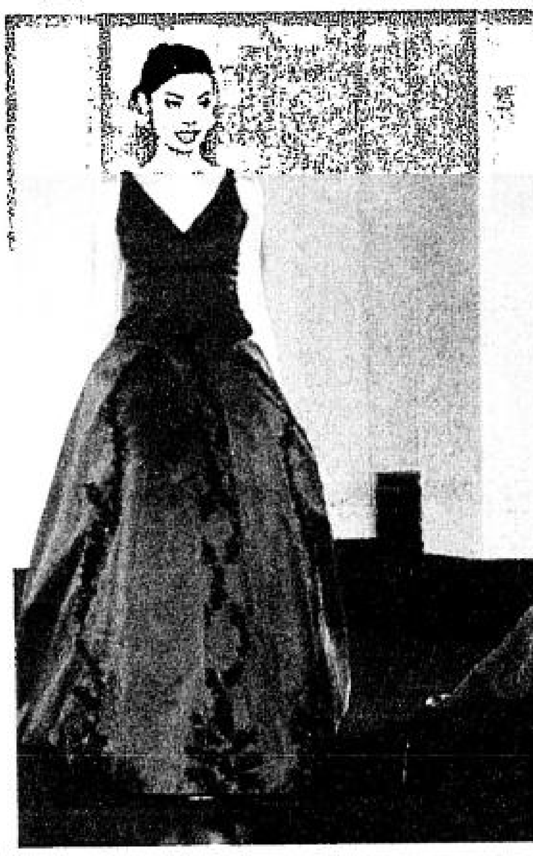
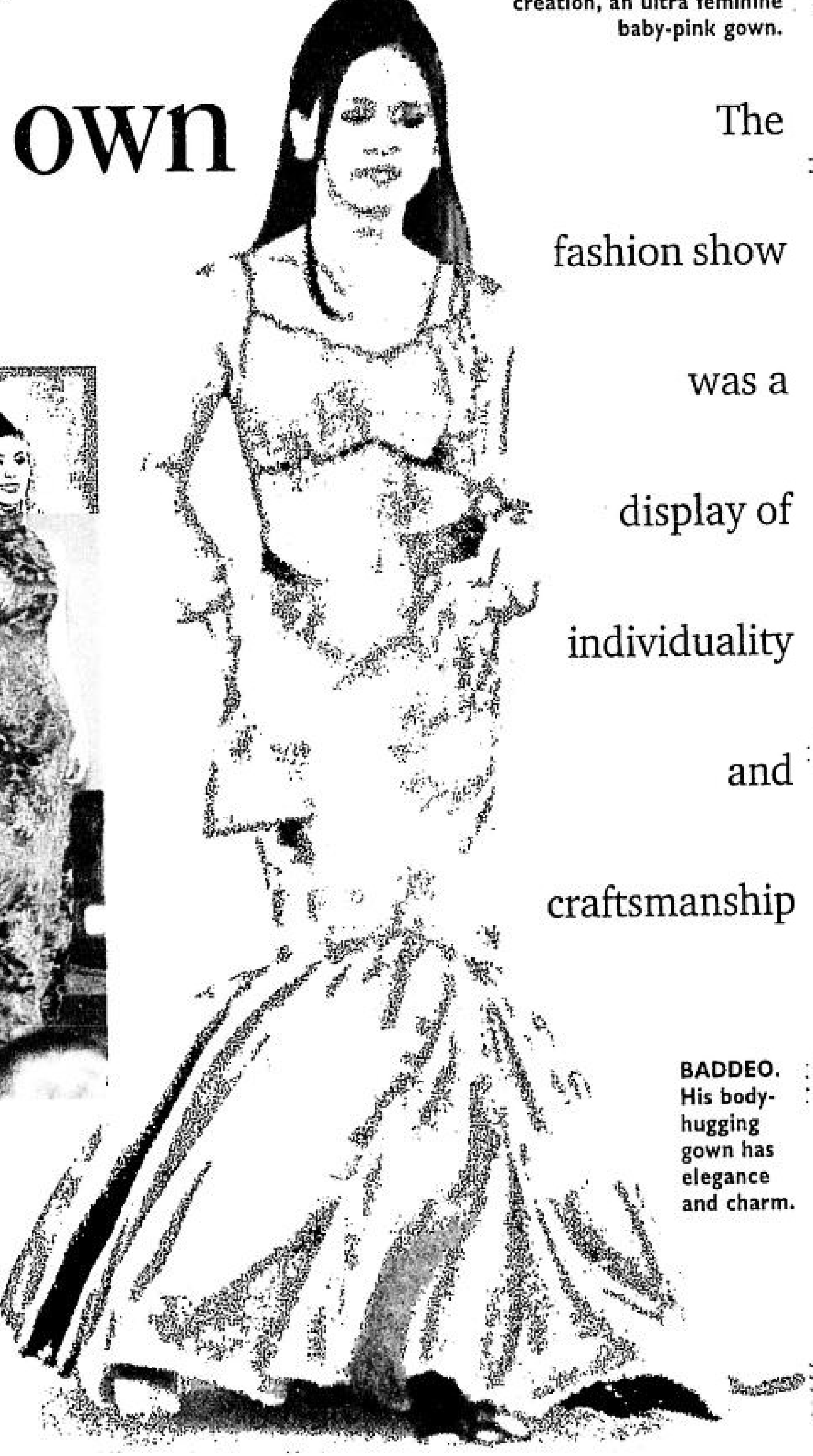


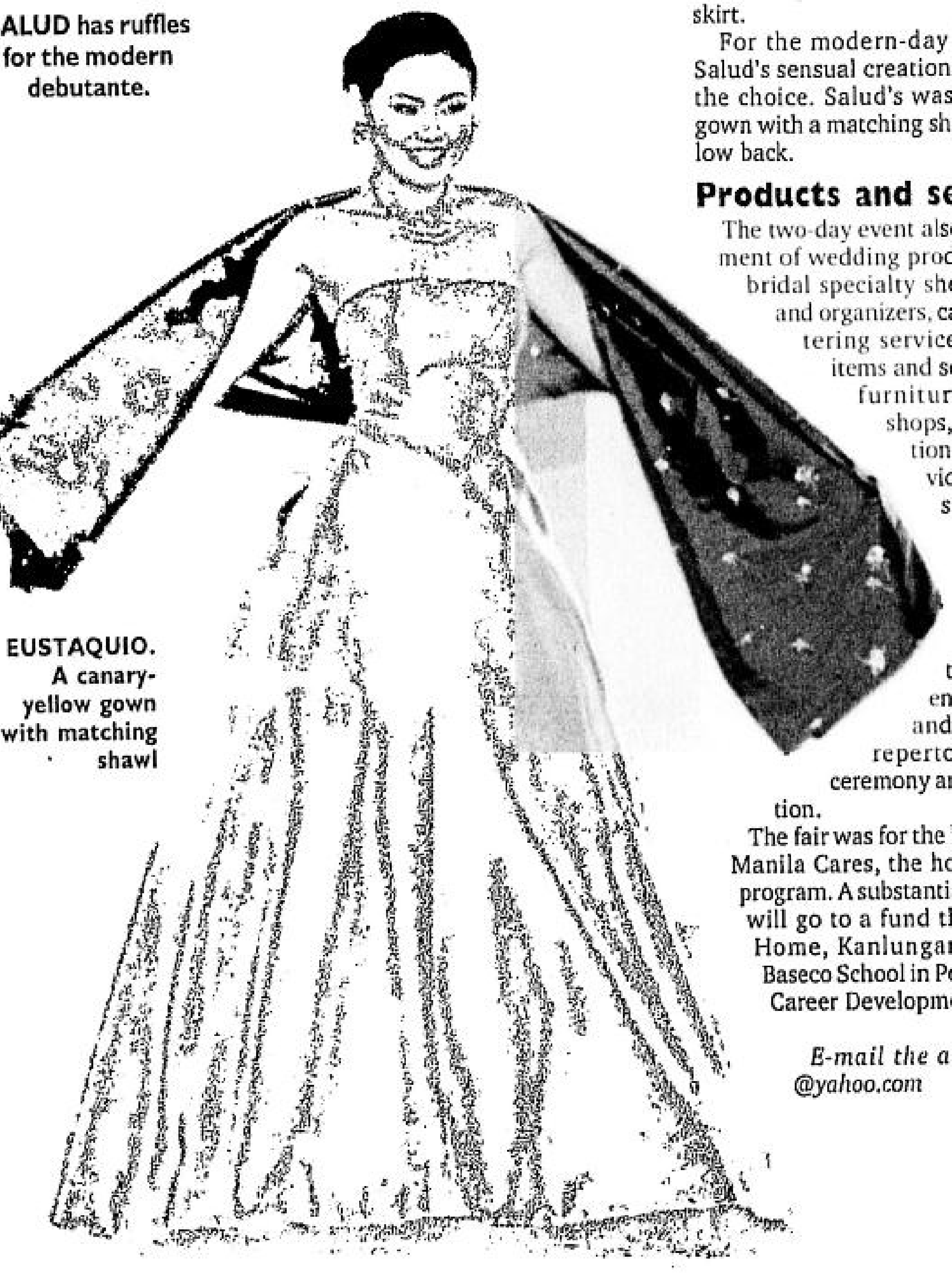
EARTH-COLORED gowns by Paolo Angela

SALUD has ruffles for the modern debutante.



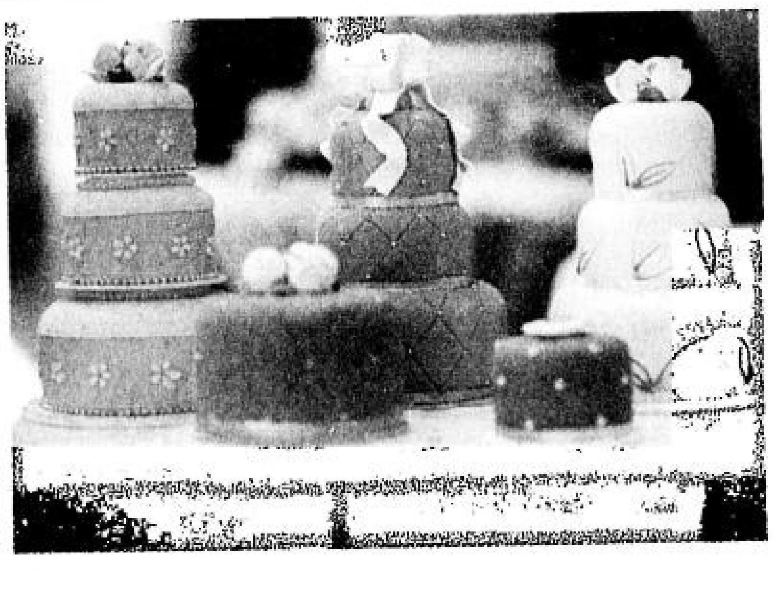
The fashion show was a display of individuality and craftsmanship

BADDEO. His body-hugging gown has elegance and charm.

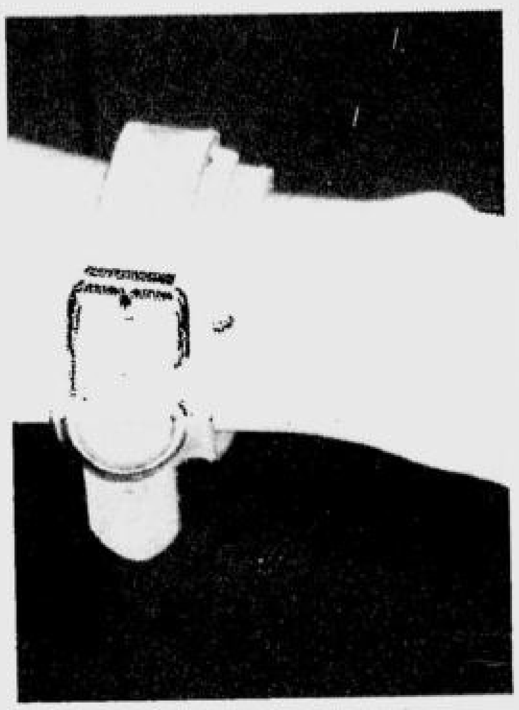


EUSTAQUIO. A canary-yellow gown with matching shawl

NINA'S floras and ornamentals complete the look of dining tables and venues.



DEXTER'S creatively crafted cakes make any wedding day sweeter.



PUT THIS CUFF ON! Great find from Rhett Eala's Wink—wrist cuff, a steal at P595

Purple is color of fashion season

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times you just have to accept it. Now whenever I am in an elevator, I try to think of something nice, like having *adobo* for lunch.

Guess who will play Superman next? British actor Jude Law is all set to play Superman in a new Batman vs Superman movie. Blonde, blue-eyed Law doesn't seem to be an obvious choice to play the Man of Steel, a fact the movie's producers actually like. "They wanted to get away from the mega-muscled action stars and add a bit of sensitivity and broodiness to the character," a source says.

People news. Fellow Brit Christian Bale, Jude's "Talented Mr. Ripley" co-star Matt Damon, and Colin Farrell are frontrunners for the role of Batman, Clark Kent's superhero chum who turns into his adversary in the new film.

TNT tidbit. Tyler and Wink are my two favorite local stores. In a span of just a year, Tyler has already opened its third store in Shangri-La Edsa and is going to have its flagship store in Glorietta soon. It will have hipper and more must-have stuff like bags and other accessories. Rhett Eala's Wink is every chic and trendy woman's dream come true. I bumped into him and he told me about the new and exciting things that he's doing, including an October fashion show and a men's line (about time!). He also sells accessories in his stores. I fell in love with his suede wrist cuff belt that comes in black and brown, a hip steal at P595.

Healthy movie snacks. Greenbelt 3 Cinema has the best and healthiest movie snacks. For health-conscious eaters (we all should be!), Chimara Café has a great new concept, changing our idea of what movie food should be. It serves air-popped popcorn, which tastes better than the usual greasy, cholesterol-laden variety. The café also has smoothies with protein or creatine, e-bars (energy giving bars), fiber-rich foods and, my favorite, the banapples (sugar-free banana and apple chips). Chimara has cool, white, sleek interiors. Check it out!

Controversial cover. Last Sunday, this paper's front page had the cover of the Philippine Tatler's September and anniversary issue featuring President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and three Cabinet members in à la "Men in Black" poses. The response (both positive and negative) has been quite overwhelming. Tatler was featured on the front pages of Singapore's The Straits Times, Malaysia's The New Straits Times and Bangkok's The Nation, and mentioned in the Asian Wall Street Journal, CNN and MSNBC.

It also received a lot of editorial space from numerous local publications and television stations. Even senators had comments about the cover. The issue has become so popular that it's almost sold out!

A photo is indeed worth a thousand words! The pictorial caused a lot of debates that the morning TV show "Magandang Umaga Bayan" had a call-in survey. As an insider, I would like to mention that the President and the Cabinet members gamely posed for the photo shoot, which was postponed four times due to pressing matters of the state, without once asking for a mirror or how they looked. The President arrived with a smile on her face after an official function in the Palace and, while waiting for the lights to be fixed, she spoke to the Cabinet members about other pressing issues. The whole shoot—cover and individual shots—took at most 45 minutes.

I was quite overwhelmed with the unprecedented attention people gave the cover. Whatever the eventual outcome of the issue, I thank the President and her Cabinet for the time and support they gave to the magazine. This experience will be forever etched in my memory.

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Soy Milk and Oats: Food for the skin

The skin provides an honest mirror of our inner health and well being. Consider that when we eat a great deal of fatty foods or foods to which we are allergic, our skin is often the first indicator that we have mistreated ourselves. It breaks out into pimples, blackheads and whiteheads. On the other hand, when have been eating healthily and enjoying plenty of fresh water and exercise, our skin exhibits a healthy glow that is indicative of the attention we are paying to ourselves.

However, apart from what we eat, environmental elements such as smoke, dust, heat and pollution affect our skin. This also causes our skin to break out. It also drains the skin, leaving looking dull and lifeless.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Milestones

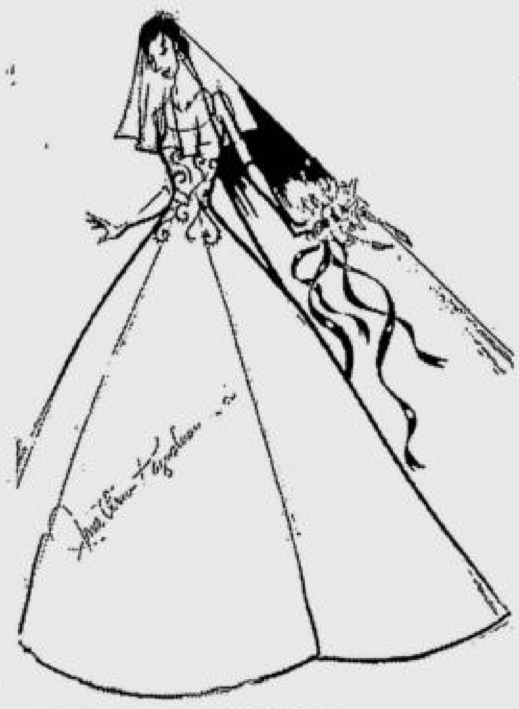
We accept announcements of weddings and engagements. Please send in the following typewritten information: names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, gown designer and related brief information. Readers may send sketches of gowns and pictures of the couple at least one month before the wedding. This will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the sender.

BICHARA-JAVELLANA

Raisa T. Javellana, only daughter of **Sergio** and **Marivic Tillman-Javellana**, will tie the knot with **Miguel C. Bichara**, manager of the J.P. Rizal branch of Union Bank and only surviving son of **Mike** and **Cristina Carrion-Bichara**, on Oct. 5 at the St. James the Great Parish Church in Ayala Alabang. Reception will follow at the ballroom of Palm's Country Club, Filinvest, Alabang. The bride will wear a gown by **Mila de Leon**.

ABAYON-SARONA

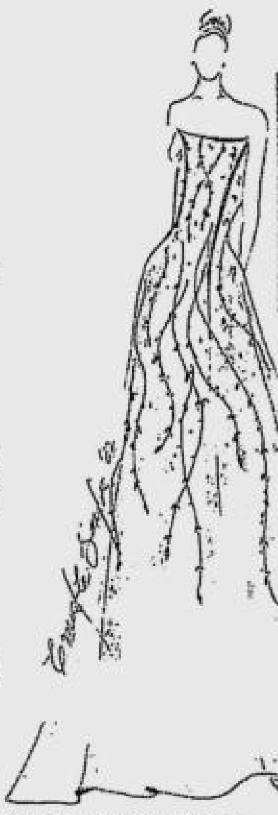
Amiel B. Abayon, son of **Andresito** and **Teresita Abayon**, and **PS O. Sarona**, daughter of **Esperanza R. Oco vda. de Sarona**, will exchange marriage vows on Sept. 28 at the St. Mark's Cathedral in Infanta, Quezon. Reception will follow at Chateu de Marinero, Infanta, Quezon.



DELA CRUZ-DOMINGO

Teray Domingo, daughter of **Isagani** and **Teresita Domingo** of Batangas City, and **Edsel Dela Cruz**, son of **Pablo** and **Ligaya Dela Cruz** of San Mariano, San Antonio, Nueva Ecija, tied the knot on Sept. 14 at the San Isidro Parish Church in Batangas City. Reception followed at the Hotsai Restaurant in Batangas City.

The bride wore a creation of **Jonathan Pagaduan** of the Design Society of the Philippines. The gown had a princess-cut design highlighted by bead works using cut glass beads strategically placed on the waist of the gown.

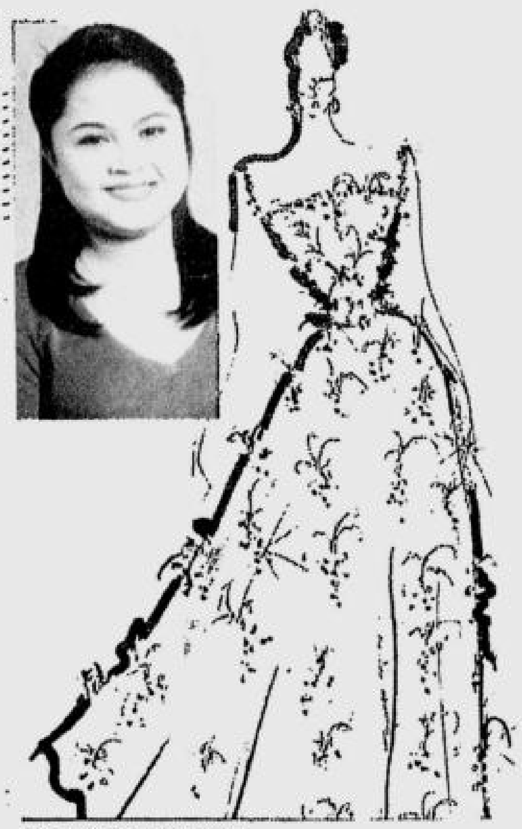


VICENTE DEBUT

Licelle Vicente, daughter of **Serge** and **Cari Vicente,** will celebrate her 18th birthday on Nov. 10 at the Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel. Vicente is a sophomore and member of the varsity rowing team of St. Scholastica's College.

She will wear a strapless princess gown in turquoise with silver beading.

Ernest Santos is the social events coordinator.



OLARTE DEBUT

Tanya C. Olarte, daughter of **Rodel** and **Amie Cambel-Olarte,** celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday with a dinner dance party at the Centennial Hall of The Manila Hotel.

The debutante wore a corsetted spaghetti top with full bias skirt in shantung silk material, accentuated with Swarovski stones and ostrich feathers; and another gown with a full bias skirt, layered with lumina shantung silk, designed by **Willie So**. Her hair and makeup was done by **Jesi Mendez**.

Tanya, a sophomore college student taking up AB Communication Arts at the De La Salle University, is a consistent dean's lister.

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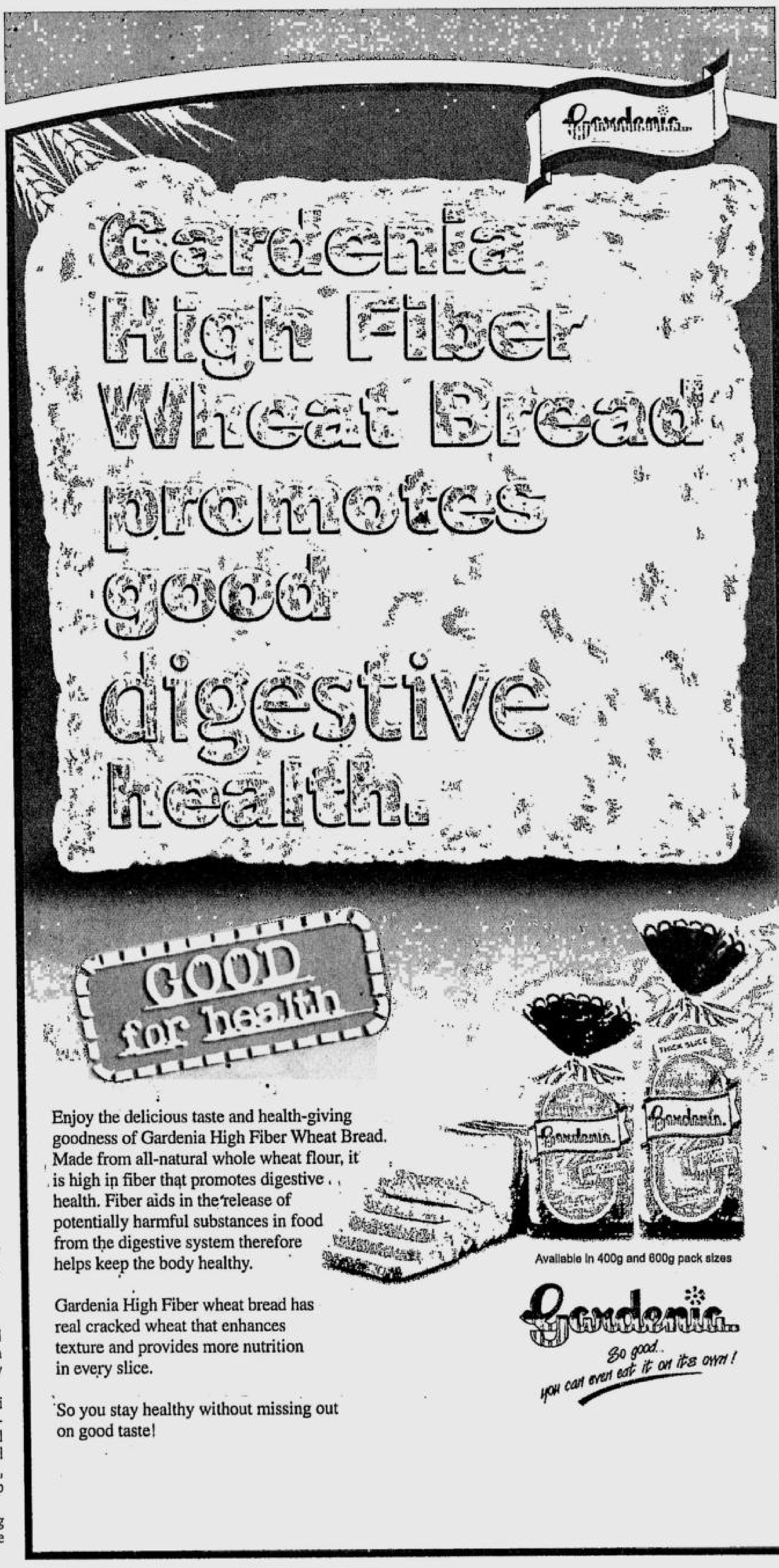
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Soluble fiber (such as apple pectin) forms a gel when mixed with liquid and is known to have a cholesterol-lowering effect. Insoluble fiber (such as wheat bran), on the other hand passes through the intestinal tract largely intact because it is not digested in the human body.

Insoluble fiber is also known as "roughage" or "nature's broom" because it promotes the easy transit of waste materials through the large intestine, and therefore helps prevent constipation.Consequently, it prevents the potentially harmful substances in food from lingering in the intestines and coming in contact with the intestinal lining, which may be potential causes of colon cancer.

Fiber-rich foods are often low in fat and calories, promote satiety and therefore, weight loss, Fiber also binds lipids such as cholesterol and carries these out of the body. Thus reducing the risk of heart and artery disease. Dietary fiber has also beneficial effects on glucose and insulin modulation, hence it helps to manage diabetes. Foods made from whole grains, like high fiber wheat bread, are excellent sources of dietary fiber.

The Nutritionist- Dietitians Association of the Philippines (NDAP) maintains that a diet high in fiber, combined with plenty of fluid intake and exercise, can keep the body trim, healthy and productive.

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Eucharistic miracles attract pilgrims to Naju, Korea

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

I FIRST heard about the visionary Julia Kim in 1995 when word spread about the Holy Host turning into the flesh and blood of Jesus on her tongue when she received Holy Communion.

Since the Virgin Mary appeared to Julia Kim in 1985 and tears of blood appeared on her statue from June 30, 1985 to Jan. 14, 1992, pilgrims from all over the world have been flocking to this small town to pray, be healed and converted.

Then Eucharistic miracles happened when the Holy Host descended on the chapel in Naju seven times between Nov. 24, 1994 and Aug. 27, 1997. The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio in Korea witnessed it during his visit to Naju. On July 1, 1995, seven sacred Hosts descended. They were consumed by two priests and five lay people, including Julia.

Who is Julia Kim?

Julia Kim was named Hoong Sun Yoon when she was born in Naju in 1947. She married Julio Kim, with whom she has two sons and two daughters. She later contracted cancer from which there was no cure. While waiting for death to come, her husband brought her to a Catholic priest who told her that her sufferings were blessings from God. While he was talking, Julia felt her body becoming warm and sweating. She felt completely healed.

This experience made Julia begin a fervent prayer life. She opened a beauty salon, but closed it a few years later when she wanted to completely devote her time spreading the devotion to Our Lady of Naju.

Julia saw the statue of the Virgin Mary inside her room weeping for the first time on June 30, 1985. Then her room smelled of roses. She received the first message on July 18, 1985. The image first wept blood on Oct. 19, 1986.

Miracles of healing have been reported. Fr. Jerry Orbos has been bringing pilgrims there as the spiritual chaplain. Those who want to join him on Oct. 13-18 can call him at 721-7457.

Mother Consuelo

Servant of God Mother Consuelo Barcelo, founder of the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation, continues to watch over her children in her convent and in La Consolacion College. Students pray to her that they may pass their exams.

When fire hit a section of the college years ago, a fireman saw a nun in white around the premises. The college was not burned.

I knew about her from Amy de la Rosa Gomez, who finished school in La Consolacion. So, I started praying to her and she helped me. Like one time I needed a layout artist for a newsletter. I found him after two days.

OUR Lady of Naju

I've heard so much about her from Sr. Puri Alma Peña, OSA. Mother Consuelo was the superior general of the order for 25 years until she died on Aug. 4, 1940, at the age of 83, in the school she nurtured during her 56 years as a nun.

The life of Mother Consuelo should inspire present-day women to lead prayerful and holy lives and to do their own apostolate for the poor, the sick and the dying, as Mother Consuelo did.

Cause for beatification

MOTHER Consuelo Barcelo y Pages, OSA

On Sept. 30 at 9 a.m., Cardinal Jaime Sin will officiate the launching of the cause of the Servant of God Mother Consuelo Barcelo at the San Agustin Church. Episcopal delegate is Bishop Socrates Villegas; judge delegate, Msgr. Jerome Reyes; associate judge, Fr. Alex Amandy; promoter of Justice, Fr. Gregory Gaston; first notary, Msgr. Roberto Canlas; and second notary, Sr. Puri Alma Peña, OSA.

The OSA general postulator is Fr. Fernando Rojo, OSA; co-postulator (Manila), Fr. Samson Silloriquez, OSA; co-postulator (Rome), Fr. Enrico Emmanuel Ayo; vice-postulator, Fr. Pedro Galende; and Fr. Policarpio Hernandez, OSA.

Those who wish to have prayer *estampitas* can write to Sr. Puri Alma Peña at La Consolacion Convent, 273 Santolan Rd., 1500 San Juan, Metro Manila. Testimonies of healing and help can be submitted to the Mother Consuelo Beatification Commission at the same address.

A glorious welcome

Metro Manila devotees of Our Lady of Peñafrancia gave her a glorious welcome as she entered the Manila Cathedral last Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Preceded by the Divino Rostro, "Ina," borne on "*andas*" carried by *voyadores*, was brought to her altar amid the singing of "Hail Mary" and shouts of "Viva!"

I could feel goosebumps on my arms and tears coming down as I watched from the main altar priests, led by Bishop Nestor Cariño, walk up to the altar followed by the *voyadores*.

The image was brought from the ferry in Hospicio de San Jose in a fluvial procession that ended at the Escolta ferry landing. The rains did not deter the men from going on with the procession.

This tradition, which begins with a Triduum of Masses at St. Andrew Church, Bel-Air, and ends with a fluvial procession and High Mass at the Manila Cathedral, was started by Dr. Charito Felipe and friends in 1984.

This year's celebrants were mostly Bicolano priests and other priest devotees of "Ina." They are Fr. Pedro Rebustillo, Fr. Rio Estioko, MSC, Fr. Cirilo Bermuez, Dr. Gennis Bernal and Fr. John Gadon of the AFP Chaplain Service; Fr. Allan Dialogo, Msgr. Augusto Laban, Msgr. Jaime Mora, Fr. Luis Ibasco, Fr. Rene Curimao, Fr. Ed Lleva and Msgr. Nestor Cerbo, rector of Manila Cathedral.

Today in Naga, the fiesta of the Virgin of Peñafrancia continues after the fluvial procession last night along the Naga River toward the Basilica.

Pilgrimage to Israel

Msgr. Sabino Vengco will lead pilgrims to Israel, Egypt and Athens in October. Called "A Journey of Faith," the trip will cover the pyramids and holy sites in the Holy Land and Athens. Those who wish to join can call Helen Dans at (0918) 913-6824 or World's Wonders at 726-6162. Departure is on Oct. 18.

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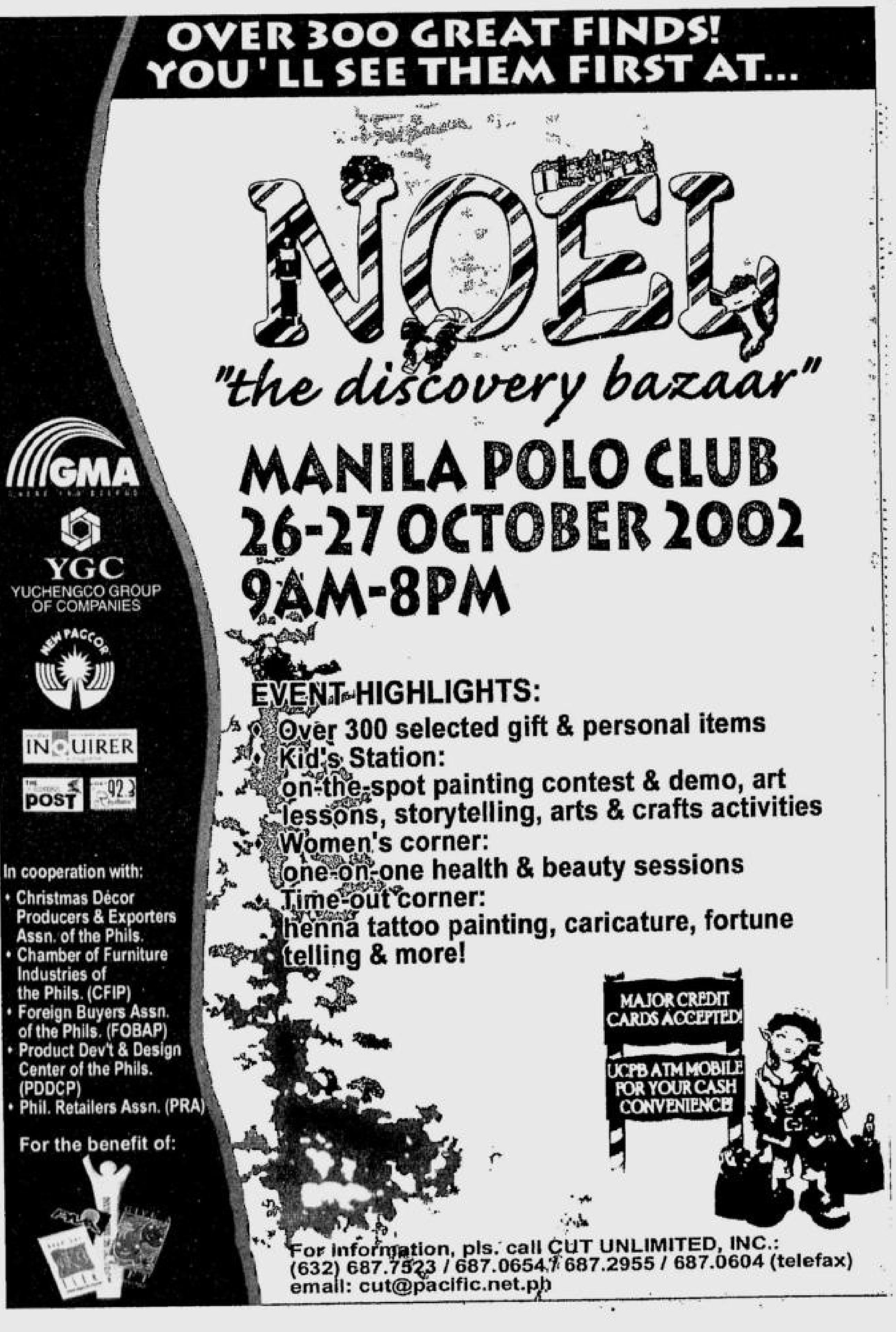

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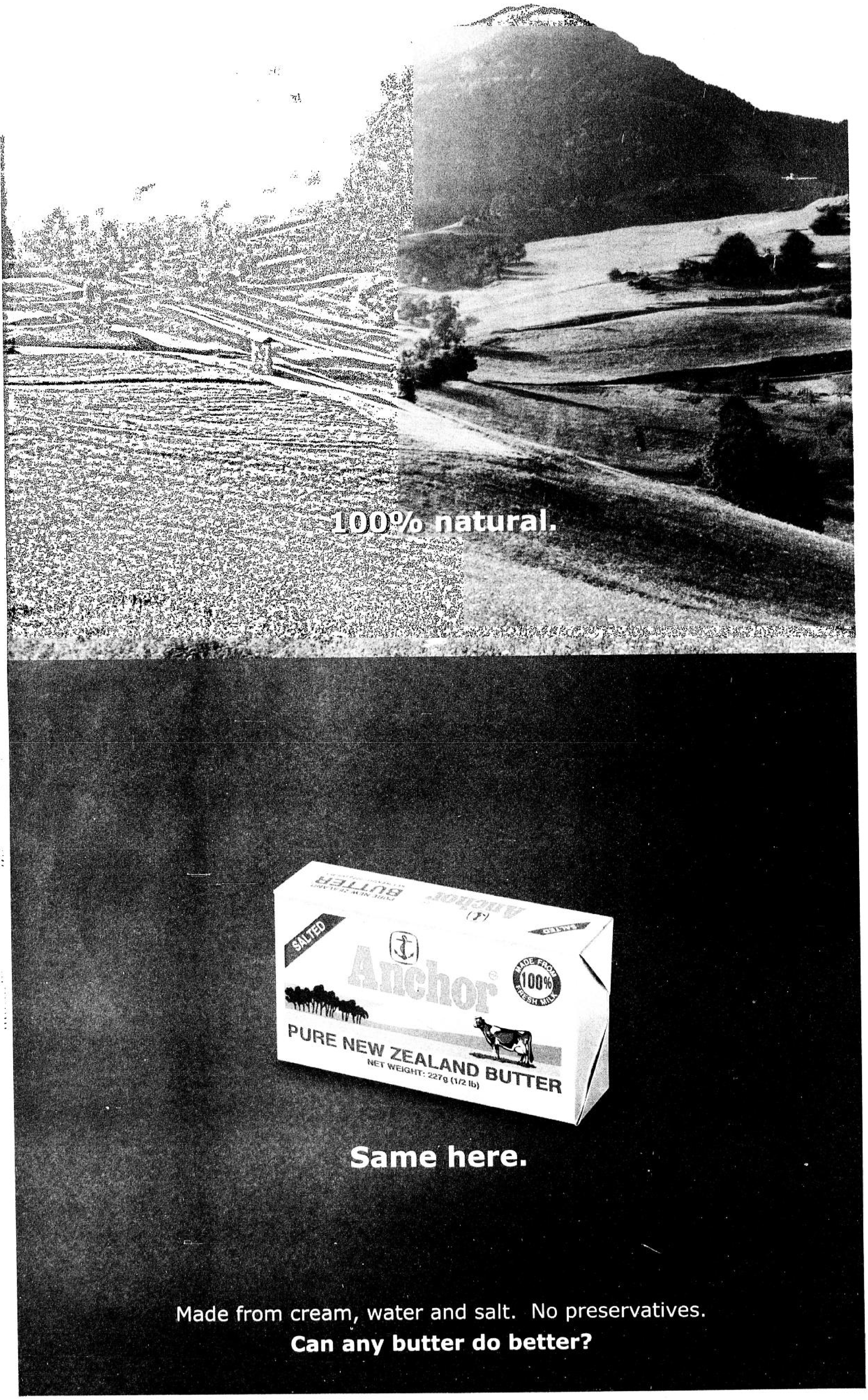
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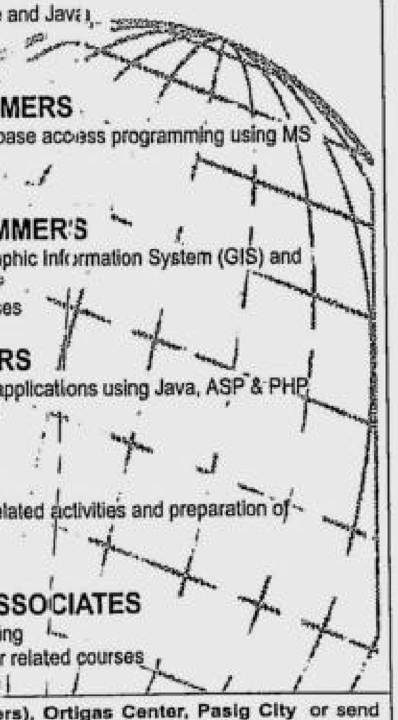

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> At least 1 year programming experience in Web-based applications using Java, ASP & PHP
> Graduate of Computer Science or other related courses
> Must have developed an E-commerce application

BOOKKEEPERS
> At least 1 year experience in bookkeeping/purchasing related activities and preparation of Payroll
> Graduate of BS Accountancy or other related courses

SALES AND MARKETING ASSOCIATES
> At least 1 year relevant experience in Sales and Marketing
> Graduate of Marketing, Business Administration or other related courses
> Sales experience in government sector is an advantage

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☑ Willing to travel to audit branches in major cities in the Philippines

Interested applicants may send their biodata, transcript of records and recent photo to:

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IT Managers (2) - Infra / Dev (Code: ITM-IT)

The Information Technology Managers will be responsible for directing, managing, assessing and organizing the company's IT needs covering the areas of hardware/software and telecoms. The candidates must have at least three (3) years progressive experience in the same capacity from a Call Center or IT solutions environment. They must have a solid foundation in using Microsoft platforms such as Windows NT, SQL, Microsoft 2000 and Visual Basic. Candidates must possess at least a college degree in Engineering (Computer/Telecoms/ECE), Computer Science/IT or equivalent.

Program Manager (Code: PM-PM)

The Program Manager will be responsible in planning directing and implementing the business initatives of the company. The candidates must have extensive experience in project and client management acquired in customer service or IT industry. They must have at least 3 years of managerial or supervisory experience in project/account management and possess strong analytical and interpersonal skills. They must be smart, aggressive and are excellent in verbal and written communication. An MBA degree from AIM/ADMU/UP is an advantage. Persons between 25-35 years of age are preferred.

OD Supervisor (Code: OD-Trn)

The OD Supervisor will be responsible for designing, developing, implementing and monitoring of training programs for staff and management levels. The specific area of discipline would cover a broad range of Organizational Development functions. The candidates must have sufficient exposure to interactive and integrative approaches to teaching/learning and excellent presentation skills. They must be highly organized, creative and assertive. The ideal candidate must be a university-degree holder in any of the following fields: Psychology, Human Resource Management, Industrial Engineering or Organizational Development. Post Graduate degree/s or units; a knowledge of TQM/ISO processes and an experience with a call center environment are advantages. Candidates between the ages of 25-30 years old, single and who are willing to work shifts are preferred.

Programmer (CODE: Prog-IT)

The Programmer will develop and test production software based on the clients' requirements. They will also generate daily output reports validate the veracity of reports made. They will be expected to troubleshoot software problems and check the condition of the software used by the agents and render advise to operations staff when needed. Ideal candidates for the position are graduates of any IT-related course between 20 and 27 years of age who can develop internal software applications using the following technologies: Visual Basic 6.0 language and MSSQL7 or MSSQL2000. Familiarity with MSOffice and basic Internet technology is also a must. Previous experience in software development is a plus.

Customer Care Specialists (Code: CCS-Opns)

The Customer Care Specialists will be at the forefront of our organization by offering products and services through specified means of communications to a targeted list of international customers in behalf of our clients. They are expected to provide necessary information, document all pertinent customer data and meet the productivity requirements of clients on qualified calls. Ideal candidates for the position are persons who are college degree holders between 20 and 27 years of age and willing to work shifts. They must have excellent interpersonal skills and be able to converse with the proper grammar using American diction, intonation, inflection, and articulation. Previous experience in customer relations management, sales or marketing and the ability to speak any foreign language well are a plus.

Technical Support Representatives (Code: TSR-Opns)

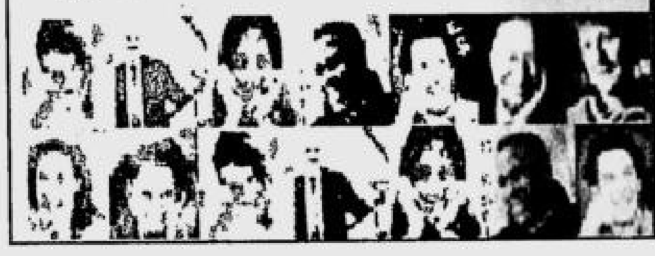
Our Technical Support Representatives will respond to e-mail or call-in inquiries from customers who encounter PC or Internet problems. They will identify the main problem regarding the query and give appropriate solutions through clear step-by-step instructions and technical knowledge either through stock knowledge or research. Ideal candidates for the position are those who have a Bachelor's degree in any 4-year course related to computers or Information Technology. They must have at least a year of experience using PC's and be familiar with MS Office programs, Internet usage and minor troubleshooting. They must also have above-average communication skills in English. A background in technical support or sales, customer relations management, certifications and licenses are a plus.

Production Support Specialists (Code: PSS-PS)

The PSS will be responsible in integrating and analysis of data generated using appropriate statistical tools and methodologies. Part of the responsibility would be analysis of information between actual versus target output. They would also be responsible for monitoring work performance and are expected to make necessary feedback for improvements. The ideal candidates are university/college degree holders in BS Statistics/ Mathematics/Computer Science/Engineering and must be familiar with MS Office and, preferably with knowledge in Macro Programming, Excel VBA or any report writer tool. Persons between 25 to 29 years old are preferred.

LAN Technology Engineer (Code: LTE-IT)

The LAN Engineer will be responsible for the installation, monitoring and troubleshooting of computer peripherals and workstations. The candidate must have a strong foundation in providing technical support (hardware and software); proficient in LAN/WAN, client server, and Windows 2000 environment. The candidate must be a university/college degree holder in BS Computer Science/Engineering, and must be a Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP). Persons between twenty and thirty years of age are preferred.



Interested parties are requested to submit their comprehensive resume indicating the position code to:
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An international organization based in Makati City is in need of a PROGRAMME ASSISTANT who will have the following duties and responsibilities:

I. COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMMING

A. Conceptualization and implementation
1. Conduct researchers and studies on policy topics that will support collaborative programmes, including collecting, surfing, organizing and processing of data, statistics, and other information relevant to UN Country Team initiative.
2. Prepare reports and presentation materials; provide inputs to draft TORS for various activities/consultants; maintains files of the UNDAF Working Groups; assist in resource mobilization activities for joint UN programmes.
3. Prepare logistics and relevant information (discussion points, activity profiles; backgrounders and briefing kits; filed reports) for collaborative activities and missions; review reports and documents concerning the progress of collaborative programmes, providing comments as necessary; monitor project progress, determine bottlenecks and recommend alternative courses of management action to the Resident Coordinator Advisor.
4. Prepare appropriate inputs to the various reports/ publications of the Resident Coordinator's Office, including the RC annual report, preparation of the regular RC newsletter; and other reports required by the Resident Coordinator and Headquarters.

B. Advocacy, Networking and Liaison Work
1. Establish and maintain liaison with staff at a working level of other UN agencies, project management and various government offices, NGOs, people organization on activities related to the work of the unit.
2. Provide secretariat and coordination services for consultants recruited for specific UN Country Team projects and activities.
3. Supervise development, implementation of UN media plans and activities, in close consultation with UNIC.

C. Information Management
1. Keep Advisor informed of working group meetings.
2. Maintain master record of working group minutes with emphasis on TORS and work plans
3. Ensure that the UN website in the Philippines is updated and popularized.

II. ADMNINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE SUPPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR
1. Provide secretarial assistance to the Office of Advisor, Programme Support to the Resident Coordinator.
2. Maintain database and network of contacts with government/donor organizations, civil society and other institution.
3. Prepare the budget for key events and related financial documentation
4. Provide support for contract and financial management.
5. In the absence of the RC Advisor, represent the unit in meetings and conferences and undertake appropriate actions to facilitate continued operations of the unit.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- Bachelor's degree in the fields of social sciences or public or private management/administration or development studies
- At least 6 years job experience in any development or policy-making or executing institution. Job should include research and event/project organizing experience.
- Good command of English, both oral and written; ability to write clearly and concisely and to be verbally articulate
- Computer literate (windows-based programs and applications)

Duration: Initial appointment will be for a period of six (6) months with possible extension.

Gross Salary Rate: Minimum of P34,000.00 per month and maximum of P39,000.00 per month. The selected candidate will receive a salary depending on his/her background and work experience.

Applicants are requested to complete P.11 form, available on our website www.undp.org.ph (click on UNDP Philippines>Jobs) and send to hrd.ph@undp.org on or before 4 OCTOBER 2002. Kindly note that only completed P11 form will be reviewed.

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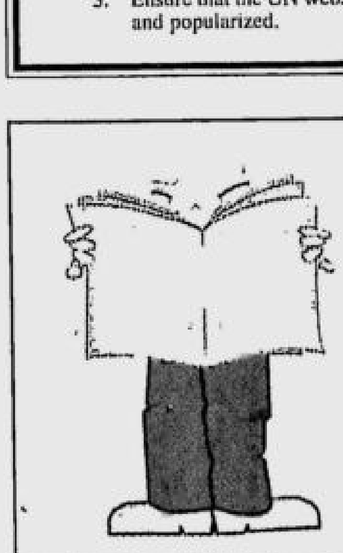

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- Must be familiar in formulation of marketing objectives and strategies
- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
- Must have strong leadership qualities, organizational and interpersonal skills
- Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality
- Must be people-oriented, analytical, and highly motivated

Personnel and Administrative Manager

- Female, not more than 40 years old
- Graduate of Psychology, Behavioral Science or Human Resource Management
- With at least five (5) years experience in all facets of Human Resource Management
- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills
- Must have strong leadership qualities, organizational and interpersonal skills
- Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality and can deal well with all levels in the organization
- Must be people-oriented, analytical, and highly motivated

DUE TO THE URGENCY OF THE NEED, QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IMMEDIATELY THEIR COMPREHENSIVE RESUMÉ, TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS AND A RECENT 2X2 PHOTO TO:

Box Code MN - 2038
c/o CLASSIFIED ADS DIVISION
PHIL. DAILY INQUIRER
Chino Roces Ave., cor. Yague and
Mascardo Streets, Makati City

(We will reply to qualified applicants only)

THE WORLD BANK
World Bank Office Manila

POSITION TITLE: OPERATIONS OFFICER (KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT)

Creating, sharing, and applying knowledge has always been an important part of the World Bank's programs to assist its member countries to promote growth and reduce poverty.

The World Bank Office, Manila seeks a candidate for **Operations Officer (Knowledge Management)**. The primary responsibility is to design, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate a Knowledge Management Strategy within the framework of its Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) for the Philippines. The position will require a highly competent, results-oriented individual with extensive knowledge and experience in managing knowledge for development. The position will be for a two-year term basis subject to one year probationary period, with possibility of renewal. The selected candidate will report to the External Relations Officer, under the Office of the Country Director.

The major duties and accountabilities of the selected candidate will be:

- Providing strategic directions and advice for knowledge management.
- Managing and implementing knowledge management/sharing activities and developing products in specific area of specialization.
- Promoting partnerships and knowledge for development products.
- Providing direct support to the Country Director's Office.

The minimum qualifications, skills and competencies are:

- Advanced university degree in development communications or related field of specialization and responsibility.
- Has at least 7 years of professional experience in operational work of relevance to development work or to the World Bank. Has working knowledge of structure and operations of Government, donor agencies, public sector institutions, civil society, and the academe. Candidates with first hand experience with the World Bank and its operational activities will be given preference.
- Has working knowledge with at least 5 years relevant experience in using strategic communications and information technology for knowledge management; developing and delivering knowledge management programs.
- Has ability to conduct independent analysis, identify issues, formulate options and make conclusions and recommendations with excellent analytical, writing, and editing skills.
- Very good interpersonal skills with demonstrated ability to communicate ideas and negotiate effectively, both orally and in writing, with Bank management and staff, government officials, representatives of donor agencies and civil society. Can work with multidisciplinary teams.
- Has experienced in "networking" functions and ability to establish partnerships. Has established contacts in Government, non-government organizations, donor agencies, academe and business groups.

Please send your application letter, with comprehensive resumé with details of your work experience, academic records, recent photo, references (at least three names with full contact details) not later than October 10, 2002. Applicants who will be short-listed will be called upon for interview. Send the above to:

The Resource Management Officer
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HR ASSISTANT/S
- 22 to 25 yrs. old, male or female
- Grad. of Psychology, Behavioral Science or Human Resource Mngt.
- With at least 6 mos. to 1 yr. work exp. in all facets of HR
- Excellent communication skills, flexible and a team player

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR
- Male, grad. of Computer Science or ECE
- With at least 3-5 yrs. work exp. in various NOS (WinNt, Win2000, Linux)
- Knowledgeable in Redhat, Mandrake, and other flavors of Linux; LDAP, POP3, IMAP, SMTP, APACHE, DNS, Firewall, Web server administration (intranet and internet)
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- 25-35 yrs. old
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Only shortlisted candidates will be notified. (previous applicants need not apply)
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Desired Requirements: College graduate, major in Marketing. Has a minimum of 3 years work experience in a Customer-oriented company managing Corporate Accounts. Has excellent people-skills and has managed relationships with Foreign Clients.

Job Title **TEAM LEADER**
Desired Requirements: College graduate of any business related course. Mastery of the English language with 4 years experience in the credit and collection industry. Must be willing to work on shifting schedule. Experience in handling a team of credit and collection people is an advantage.

Job Title **TELEMARKETING SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**
Desired Requirements: College graduate with a good command of written and spoken English. Has a cheerful and vibrant work attitude. Telemarketing or sales experience is an advantage. Willing to work on graveyard and shifting schedule.

Job Title **JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT**
Desired Requirements: Accounting graduate, preferably a CPA passer. Proficient in MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Word and other MS applications. Has good interpersonal skills, communication skills and can render work with minimum supervision.

Job Title **COLLECTIONS ANALYST**
Desired Requirements: College graduate with relevant fields of study in finance, accounting or pre-law. Good knowledge of US regulations relative to the collection industry (e.g. FDCPA, harassment, etc.). Experience in consumer banking or insurance is a must. Possess good judgement; excellent negotiation skill; ability to analyze and solve problems. Proficient in written and spoken English. Willing to work on graveyard and shifting schedule.

Job Title **QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICER**
Desired Requirements: College graduate and able to work on multiple projects simultaneously. Must have conducted performance evaluation or quality assurance work.

CONTACT US AND SEND IN YOUR RESUME':

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RECRUITMENT DEPARTMENT
418 Arayat corner Libertad Streets, Mandaluyong City

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☐ Male; 25-35 years old; Licensed BS Chemistry graduate; With at least 3 years experience; Highly analytical proactive; Computer literate; Willing to work in a 3 shifts rotation basis

6 - PLUMBERS

☐ Male; 30-35 years old; Vocational course graduate; With minimum 2 years experience in Industrial/ construction/building works. Familiar with all kinds of plumbing problems

14 - COMPANY SECURITY GUARDS

☐ Male; 30-35 years old; At least 2-year college or vocational course; With security guard license; At least 4 years experience

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☐ Male; 30-35 years old; At least 2-year vocational course graduate with 5-8 years working experience in residential, industrial & high rise building; Must have superior knowledge on electrical matters, gensets, maintenance & repair, etc.

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- Bonuses as provided by law

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:
- Able to speak and write in Pilipino and English languages
- Willing to accept additional responsibilities
- Must be non-smoker nor drink alcoholic beverages
- Must be in good health (Those with health problems need not apply). Successful applicants will be subjected to psychological and physical tests before final hiring but with probationary period
- Base of operation will be in Cavite but must be willing to work temporarily in other locations and accept being assigned to rotating shifts every 2 weeks
- Must have initiative, resourcefulness, be efficient, hardworking, and willing to sacrifice for the interest of the company.

Please send your comprehensive resumé indicating position applied for and state minimum salary desired with 2x2 photo, xerox transcript of record/diploma/other credentials (for college or vocational course graduates), Bio-data, Curriculum Vitaé, written work experience and formal references, Barangay, Police and NBI Clearances to:

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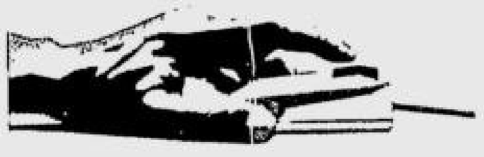

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- Computer literate
- Possesses strong leadership qualities/abilities
- With pleasing personality and good to excellent oral and written communication skills
- Willing to work long hours

Nutritionist/Dietitian

- Female, not more than 35 years of age
- Graduate of BSND in a reputable school
- Must be licensed
- With at least two (2) years experience in cafeteria/restaurant operations
- Computer literate
- Willing to work long hours

Storeroom/Stockroom Clerk

- At least 5'2" for female, 5'5" for male
- At least 2nd year college level
- Experience in storeroom/stockroom operation required

Personnel Clerk (for Metro Manila only)

- Female
- Not more than 30 years of age
- Graduate of BS Psychology or Behavioral Science
- Computer literate
- With at least a year of experience

Cashier

- Graduate of any 2 or 4 year course
- Not over 35 years of age
- Preferably female
- Has pleasing personality and with good oral and written communication skills
- With at least a year of experience

Food Service/Counter Crew

- At least 2nd year college level
- Experience in cafeteria operation preferred but not required
- Preferably female
- Has pleasing personality and with good oral and written communication skills
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- At Least 2nd year college level
- Has pleasing personality and with good oral and written communication skills

Interested applicants may mail or bring their resumé on or before September 30, 2002 at
Albergus Management Inc.
c/o Robert R. Lamprea
#16-A Capitol Hills Rd., Old Balara Diliman, Q.C.
(from Monday to Saturday-9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. only)

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- Good in oral and written communication

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- Graduate of any 4-year business course
- With at least 6-months experience in Sales or Customer Service job
- Personable and can handle customer concerns and complaints effectively
- Computer literate
- Good in oral and written communication

Warehouse Assistant

- At least 2-years College education
- At least 6-months experience working in freight forwarding
- Computer literate
- Knows how to operate forklift
- With a valid Professional Driver's license

Domestic Assistant

- Graduate of Bachelor of Science in Customs Administration
- At least 1-year experience working in freight forwarding
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- Graduate of any 4-year Business related course
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written form

DIY PERSONNEL

- Male, preferably single, 21-28 years old
- Graduate of any 4-year college course (Especially Electrical course)
- Must have initiative, ability and sustained interest in selling hardware items

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- Female, preferably single, 21-28 years old
- B.S. Accountancy graduate
- Computer literate, with at least one (1) year work experience in handling P.O.S. System.

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- Female preferably single, 21-28 years old
- Graduate of 4-year Computer Course

MERCHANDISERS

- Male, preferably single, 21-28 years old
- College level, with at least one (1) year work experience in the same capacity

COMPANY DRIVERS

- Male, 25 to 30 years old, with license 1 to 3
- At least five (5) year work experience and can drive 4 to 6 Wheel truck

WAREHOUSE UTILITY/HELPER

- Male, preferably single, 21-28 years old
- High School graduate, hardworking, honest and dependable

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
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1066 EDSA, BALINTAWAK, QUEZON CITY

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Reporting to the President, the Director of Facilities and Services will be responsible for managing and promoting the facilities and services at the Y. C. James Yen Center, and for providing leadership in developing and implementing effective systems in 1) facilities marketing, 2) housekeeping and dining services and 3) maintenance and transportation services. He/she will ensure quality, efficiency and effectiveness in providing services to international course participants, guests and staff of IIRR, and the financial viability and sustainability of the Yen Center operations. The Y. C. James Yen Center - a 54-hectare complex in Silang, Cavite - provides accommodation and dining services to participants in IIRR's international training courses and study programs, and other guests; and maintains staff housing, hostel, conference and recreational facilities.

Key Responsibilities:
Supervise and ensure implementation of effective operating systems for (a) hostel, dining and transportation services, and (b) facilities and ground maintenance; supervise the development and implementation of a marketing and promotion management plan for the Yen Center facilities and services; coordinate with other IIRR units in planning the provision of accommodation and other services to training and workshop participants and guests; establish systems and procedures for monitoring and evaluating the quality of service that is provided for course participants, guests and staff; contribute to the resource development efforts of IIRR and ensure proper use and maintenance of all operating resources; direct the Yen Center Management Team; and, serve as a member of other IIRR Management Teams.

Requirements: Graduate of Master in Business Administration; at least five (5) years experience, two (2) years of which in a managerial capacity in a hotel, property or facilities management environment; with work experience from both business and non-profit sectors; strong administrative and business skills; dynamic and can work with minimum supervision; with effective communication and people skills; preferably, with professional experience within a multi-cultural work environment.

The post is based in Silang, Cavite. Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest before October 15, 2002, together with curriculum vitae; contact information, three letters of references with addresses and contact numbers; recent passport-size photograph, and transcript of records to:

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Graduate of any technical, behavioral, medical science related course, preferably with relevant experience in IT/Technical Recruitment and General Recruitment, must be familiar with the current recruitment practices in the Philippines.

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Qualifications:

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- Must have the ability to deal with personnel at all levels.
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- Accounting graduate; 21-35 years old; Computer literate; Personable with clear complexion

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- Male/Female, 28-40 years old

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- Male/Female, not more than 25 years old
- Must be B.S. Accounting graduate and with good scholastic records
- With at least 2 years experience in the same capacity
- CPA is an advantage but not required
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- Must be computer literate and with good skills in written and oral communication

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Male, 22-30 years old
- Degreed with business course preferably with Accounting subjects
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- Literate in MS Word, Excel and Powerpoint
- Willing to travel
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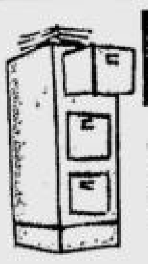

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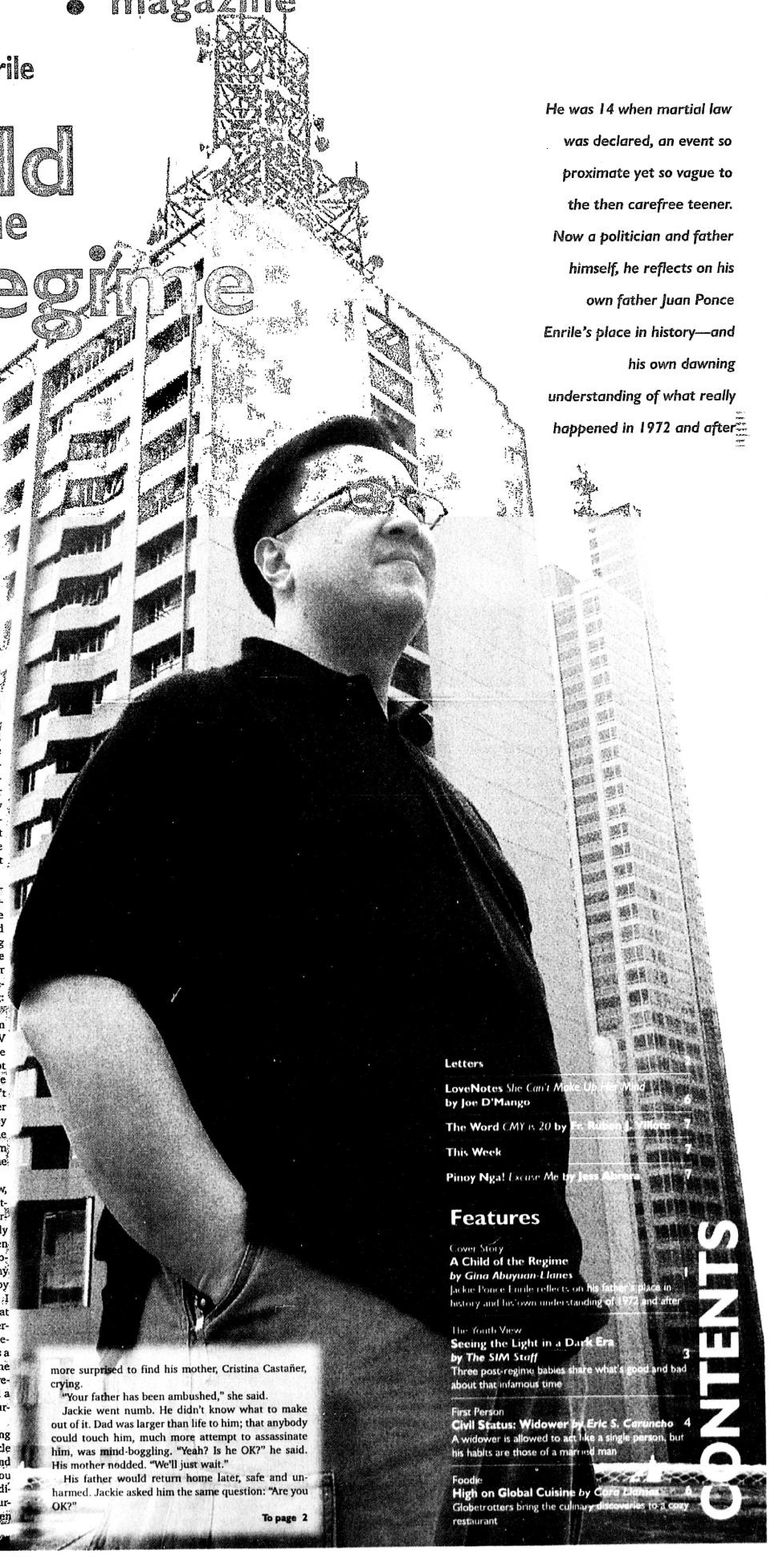
A Child of the Regime



He was 14 when martial law was declared, an event so proximate yet so vague to the then carefree teener. Now a politician and father himself, he reflects on his own father Juan Ponce Enrile's place in history—and his own dawning understanding of what really happened in 1972 and after

By Gina Abuyuan-Llanes
Photographs by Mike Alquinto

"I'VE NEVER talked about martial law with anybody until today," says Congressman Juan (Jackie) Ponce Enrile, Jr. of the first district of Cagayan. Pensive, he's staring at a half-eaten plate of food, watching in his mind's eye the events of 30 years ago unfold like the petals of a carnivorous flower. It gives off a scent that isn't exactly malodorous, but not pleasant either—just plain inescapable. Today, the 44-year-old son of erstwhile Defense Minister and Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, believed by many to have been one of the architects of martial law, is many other things—a successful businessman, a politician, a father. The aroma of his unfurling memories are heavy and heady enough, however, to make him take two Advils and check his blood pressure after.

"Martial law was really bad. Really bad for the country. No matter how they were able to justify it in terms of saving the nation, in hindsight, the country wasn't really going to break down. It was a way for the people who were in power then to stay in power. Obviously at the time it happened, I wasn't thinking this way. But looking back 30 years, I think it was the wrong thing to do. Did I speak out against it? No, never dared."

Flashback: Twelve-year old Jackie Enrile was in front of his family's home in Urdaneta Village, Makati—the same one he'd later occupy with his wife and kids—about to step inside after playing ball. Two teenage girls walked by, and he stopped to check them out. Then the taller one looked his way, gave him an extremely sarcastic smile and started chanting: "*Tuta, tuta, tuta ni* Marcos!"

The young boy was stunned. The term sounded familiar; he had heard it on TV and the radio on his way to school but he didn't really know what it meant except that it was something of a slur. Jackie watched them leave, seething. He didn't even know why he was so angry. He never saw the two girls again, but what they said stuck in his mind. Two years later, the term gained dimension—not only for him and his family, but for the rest of the Philippines.

"Before they even declared martial law, the term that brought some kind of political consciousness to me was '*tuta ni* Marcos'. I never understood what it really meant, but I knew it couldn't have been good. I wasn't sure if I was trying to protect myself or my father. I guess like any son, you have this sense of who you are by who you think your parents are. But I knew something was changing then, that my father was in some kind of controversial position when martial law was declared in 1972. I wasn't scared. But I was a little bothered by the fact that someone had tried to kill my father, only to get really mad later when I learned it was all a fake. That really bothered me about martial law."

On that fateful day, Jackie recalls riding around the subdivision on his motorcycle when a car pulled up behind him and honked its horn. "Your father wants you home," the driver said in Filipino. Obediently, Jackie followed him and was surprised not to find his dad home, and even more surprised to find his mother, Cristina Castañer, crying.

"Your father has been ambushed," she said.

Jackie went numb. He didn't know what to make out of it. Dad was larger than life to him; that anybody could touch him, much more attempt to assassinate him, was mind-boggling. "Yeah? Is he OK?" he said. His mother nodded. "We'll just wait."

His father would return home later, safe and unharmed. Jackie asked him the same question: "Are you OK?"

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The elder Ponce Enrile was indeed unharmed. But apparently, the rest of the Philippines wasn't. The Communist/New People's Army and Mindanao secessionist movements were at their peak, perceived to be infiltrating labor, youth, and student organizations with their ideologies and activities; corruption had taken hold of the courts, and even mass media, especially the papers and stations ran by Marcos' political opponents, were considered a threat. Claiming that he wanted to prevent the country's fall into the hands of such elements, President Marcos declared martial law. It was September 21, 1972, a few days after Enrile's supposed ambush. Jackie watched Marcos read Proclamation 1081 on television, and claims today that even if his family was "on the side of the Marcoses," the declaration did not sit right with him.

The first thing Jackie was told to do, "to set an example," was to cut his hair. Second, he couldn't fire his gun which, like riding his motorbike, was something he enjoyed doing throughout his life. And third, like the rest of the citizenry, he couldn't go out of his house after curfew.

A lot of things troubled him then, claims Jackie, things he can articulate only now. "Even then I knew that freedoms were being curtailed—mobility, speech, associating with whoever one wanted to be with. What else can a government in the guise of its legitimacy take away from you?

"Martial law was a very dark, ugly period in our country. It prevented the best brains in our country from undertaking a process of moderation. It created the polarity in our society—you were either pro-capitalist or pro-communist. There was nothing in between. We were never centrists, we were never socialists."

Despite his avowed reservations, Jackie echoes some of the rhetoric of the day. "Of course the capitalists won, but who knows what might have happened if martial law wasn't declared? Maybe we would have fallen into communism, and 20 years later or less, we would've fallen out anyway. To me, the Filipinos and the Philippines were just part of a big global intramural between a Soviet ideology and a capitalist ideology. That was it. Of course I didn't express it at that time, but as a 14-year old, I didn't even understand what it was to run a government." He laughs. "Heck, I'm still learning today."

What aggravated the feeling that things "didn't sit right" was that people were extra careful with him, he says. If they had anything untoward to say about his father, now the second most powerful man in the Philippines, they made sure Jackie wasn't around. Only a couple of buddies from higher batches in Ateneo could walk up to him and express how they felt. Through it all, he claims, he kept mum and brushed the comments aside. He did make two promises to himself: 1) that he would never enter politics, and 2) that he would never become a lawyer. The first promise he would eventually break when his father pleaded with him to run as representative of the First District of Cagayan, in 1998. He just wanted to be "an obedient son," he claims. "Talk about having your teeth pulled out with no anaesthesia!" His second term runs until 2004 and he's not running again, he says.

The congressman in his library today, below; with his parents, now estranged, in 1997, right

His relationship with his father also started showing cracks at about this time. There was growing distance between them, Jackie recalls, though it was not resentment. This, despite the "sage, basic and very good advice" Enrile always had for his son, and the occasional guest appearances the father would make at Jackie's motorcycle races. During the critical teenage years when a father leaves the most lasting imprint on his son, the elder Enrile was "out of reach," says Jackie. He felt he constantly had to go through a maze just to touch base with his father. There were times when the defense minister would walk past his son, throw him a glance, and "would just keep moving," he adds.

When Jackie brought it up, people told him JPE was "just too busy" and had "too many things on his mind." It came to a point when the younger Enrile had to make appointments at the National Defense office just to see his dad, sometimes becoming "a fixture, especially if I needed money," he quips.

"And so it was," Jackie says today. "He may not consider this a fact, but I felt very, very strange when he would make the gesture of reaching out. But it wasn't his fault. His time was no longer his nor his family's. And he probably didn't know how to do it because he grew up without his own father. He was a good father, but in terms of closeness, we didn't have that. It wasn't his fault. Martial law just exacerbated the problem."

Jackie wants to avoid the same mistake. "Just before my eldest daughter Kristine left for Italy, I knew that she tried to build up a surplus of memories of us to take with her, even if she'd be gone for only a year. There was very little of that during the martial law years between me and my father. That's not the way I want to be as a father. But did I take his position as no.-2-most-powerful-man-in-the-country seriously? Hell no. He was still just my dad. I wasn't even awed."

The rest of the country, though, would place the young Enrile under a microscope and raise him up to a higher standard, such that every little move he made became fodder for gossip columns. He was a teenager growing up during the groovy '70s and going against the grain. He promoted practical shooting in the country, continued his motorcycle racing, and earned a reputation as a party animal. "I just saw myself as an ordinary guy enjoying life as a teenager. If people had a problem with that, tough," says Jackie, who now chairs the Philippine Practical Shooting Association. "And there were very few wild parties," he says. "The few times when I used to go out, I would always end up getting into trouble, and I don't know why."

So life went on and things seemed to work. By 1977, however, the rumor mills started churning out scuttlebutt that Enrile had staged his own assassination as a way to hasten the declaration of martial law. It was high school all over again for Jackie—old classmates and friends came up to him and began hitting him about martial law once more.

"Deep down inside, there was a lingering sadness," Jackie says. "It's hard to explain what the feeling was like. It was almost like you know something's wrong, like someone's terminally ill and there's really nothing you can do about it, at least not as a 14-, 15-year old. I think the whole country felt resigned."

He continues: "If I were to hypnotize myself and tell you what martial law was like, I'd say it was very heady. For a lot of people who were involved in the Marcos administration, it was almost like—and I'm not talking about the people who were incarcerated or critical of the Marcos regime at that time—the smirk of that girl who passed by my house and called me *tuta*. I think it's the Marcos administration smirking at the Filipino people.

"Martial law was an interesting exercise, but it did not address the real problems of this society, which could have been addressed if we were given the chance to open up the forum, allow vigorous debate, allow people to express their true feelings and ideas and become conscious as a nation. What happens when you impose a state of emergency and use fear to get your way is exactly what happened to me growing up under that environment of my father being who he was. We cannot shut people up for long, because eventually, things will explode. Case in point: There are more guns, more private armies now than we had during martial law. We still have the secessionist movement; we know—though we want to bury our heads in the sand—that the communist insurgency is gaining ground. So where have we come 30 years hence? Nowhere, really."

Insisting that he is not underestimating the evils of martial law, "because I know there are a lot of really bad things that happened to a lot of people in this country," Jackie claims things were better off here than in believes regimes in this world. "But still, it happened in our country. *Masakit talaga*. As a Filipino, you can justify it either way, but everybody in history knows why it happened: it was to allow this guy Marcos to stay on.

"I blame Marcos for the vacuum of leadership this country is suffering from now. Even if the communist insurgency was gaining ground at that time, if that was what the country wanted, why deprive the country of it? When will we start accepting the fact that we have the power and the right to self-determination?"

Still, Jackie says, he never felt any kind of shame for what his father did, or for the fact that he got involved with Marcos, as far as martial law was concerned. "I'm sure he believed in what he was doing. I just felt a certain degree of sadness that, even to this day, I feel for him, because I know that he will never be able to shake off the stigma of martial law. He really believed that he was helping the country. You know, smart as he is, he's very impressionable, almost naïve. My father will tell you that one of his biggest faults is that he is not able to really see the true intentions of the people he works with. But I think he was used by Marcos, used in a very wrongful way, and by the United States. But that was another age, and the issues then were different from what they are now."

In his world now, Congressman Jackie Enrile is author of the Magna Carta for Household Helpers (*Batas Kasambahay*), or HB 608, a bill that seeks to institutionalize and uplift the minimum working standards of the household helper industry, and to bring them closer to the benefits and protection accorded by law to more formalized sectors of the labor force. He says this bill was inspired by the woes of a former household staff.

But that is another story. And politician or not, Jackie will probably never live down the memory of an infamous time in the country's history that he grew up staring in the face, but never really quite understood. The only thing he is sure of, he says, is that there is no place for martial law today and there shouldn't be, ever again.

"The world has changed," he says. "People don't have to say they don't want martial law anymore; they won't allow it. The days of strongmen being propped up by a superpower is over. All this silliness of trying to control people, any regime in this world that starts to use fear—Philippines, Indonesia, China, Russia, now Iraq, Afghanistan—all those regimes have failed or are going to fail. It's just a question of time and the will of the people. We can form our own opinions and decide what we want to do. No more bogeymen."

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NEEDING AN ALTERNATIVE

I always read SIM but this is the first time I am reacting this way, about the idea of MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando ("Will BF Blink?," **SIM**, 1 September 2002) of clearing the sidewalks as a solution to traffic jams and the garbage problem. I salute him for that. The only problem is the way he treated these people. The MMDA collected the vendor's stuff and destroyed it, they put some of them in jail and worse, these people can't work anymore because they lose their means. These people are not criminals; they are just striving for survival. The solution is to give them an alternative place where they can sell their merchandise, or these people will never stop returning, selling along the sidewalks. How can they live without selling? They are just like you and me, who work for a living.

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JUST LIKE A TABLOID

I join e-mail sender Judith Agnoletto (**SIM**, 1 September 2002) in complaining about the insubstantial stories in your magazine. Many of the articles are incomplete or trite stories of events, people and places. So, when I want something heavier, I'd rather look elsewhere, like reading foreign publications. A Sunday magazine need not be dull or be the sounding board for politicians and socialites. If your editors paid more attention to improving it, it should look like those weekly American publications, for which we willingly pay more for authentic intellectual stimulation. I could put your magazine side by side with a common tabloid, and the only difference is that yours is in English and lack those sexy starlets on the front page.

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LESS OF THE SAME KIND PLEASE

I appreciated your feature on this year's Carlos Palanca awardees but was disappointed with the winners you featured. Most of them were people who had won in the previous years, and I thought you said this year's list had more first timers. Plus the winners you featured were more of the same kind, people with MA degrees or scholarships abroad who held teaching positions, etc. In short, is this an intellectual snub?

My friend won the first place in one of the categories, and unlike the people you featured, he is neither with the academé nor has any title or scholarship in some university to boast of. But his story is inspiring. I don't think he has a job now, he rents a place in QC, he takes public transport—a regular passenger of public buses and jeeps (where he got the inspiration for his entry), and is really struggling in every sense of the word. I feel that, more than these people you featured, his story would be more inspiring for the majority of the people who are not as intellectual and yet as gifted. Thank you and more power.

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Seeing the Light in a Dark Era

On the 30th anniversary of the declaration of martial law, three post-regime babies share what they've learned—good and bad—about that infamous time

BAM Aquino: In the Name of the Uncle

HIS very name is infused with a sense of history. But for 25-year-old Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, martial law was something he knew of from birth. "I was born five years into martial law. It was never really explained in its details or its nuances. All I knew was that at two years of age, we were visiting my uncle in jail," the TV host explains.

That uncle, of course, was Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Jr., Bam being the son of Ninoy's brother Paul. Even at that young age, Bam notes, "It was getting clear that something was terribly wrong with the way things were." Things came to a head when Ninoy was struck down at the airport in 1983. Six-year-old Bam was the only one left at home because everyone else had gone to the Manila International Airport to welcome Ninoy. "I just remember my *yaya* bringing me to the altar and telling me to pray. Why? My *Tito* Ninoy was shot, but it was unsure whether he was killed or not. Eventually, my *yaya* would whisper to the other people in the house, *'Patay na. Wala na.'*"

That moment transformed Bam's life—and that of the entire Aquino clan. "After that, the Aquinos were expected to come out and denounce the assassination and the dictatorship. At six, I was my immediate family's representative. Imagine a round, cute kid in front of tens, hundreds, sometimes thousands of people denouncing the *'diktadura ni Pangulong* Marcos' along with the oppositionists at that time."

Bam spoke in front of huge crowds non-stop in the years leading up to 1986. "My experiences in those crucial years changed me, formed me and make a large part of who I am. Maybe I am guilty of idealizing those times, but admittedly, I sometimes long for those days of pure intentions and selfless struggle. Sadly, those times are largely lost to my generation and those younger than us."

Immediately after the 1986 snap elections, Bam's father flew to the United States to lobby the US Congress. Bam and the rest of the family joined the growing throng at Edsa that ultimately ousted the Marcoses. "In the afternoon, we would go to Edsa and join the ever-increasing crowd. My Mom was fearful for our safety, but I wasn't. I remember the ice *buko* and the free sandwiches given out," he laughs. Yet that experience truly left a mark on him. "We experienced Edsa I and its immediate aftermath on different levels. One commonality though was that it changed the way we viewed ourselves, the people around us, and the country."

Now that the infamous declaration of martial law is three decades behind us, Bam is honest and thoughtful about the historic yet troubled time he had been born into. "Until now I have a hard time admitting that some good things came out of martial law. Martial law, specifically the incarceration of my uncle, is sometimes too personal for me to be objective. According to others, though, infrastructure projects were abundant, and for a time the whole *Bagong Lipunan* thing may have worked for some of our countrymen. At what price, though? It's just that ideals that become adulterated and corrupted turn out worse than bad intentions to begin with."

Bam has carried the burden of history diligently through the years as an outspoken and intellectual youth leader as well as an excellent student, culminating in his being chosen valedictorian of the Ateneo class of 2000. He remains ever vigilant of the role of the youth in today's continuing struggles, as he lives out that capacity as a Commissioner of the National Youth Commission. Bam Aquino, for one, will never forget.

"The most historic period in the last 30 years would be from August 21, 1983 to February 25, 1986," he reflects. "*Tita* Cory and *Tito* Ninoy were the embodiment of that period. And at times these days, they are called to remind us of more heroic times."

Ruel S. De Vera

CRIS Villonco: The Other Cris

SHE was too young to recall much about martial law, but Ana Cristina Siguion-Reyna (Cris) Villonco belongs to a family with inexorable ties to the Marcoses. Her maternal grandmother is television and movie producer, actress and singer Armida Siguion Reyna, who happens to be the half-sister of Marcos defense minister Juan Ponce Enrile. Despite his redeeming role at Edsa 1, Enrile is still perceived as an "opportunist," as Cris herself recalls hearing when people talk about the dark era that the former senator helped bring about.

But as Cris would be the first to point out, such links did little to stifle dissent at the family table. "From my grandmother (Armida), I heard many endearing stories about Mrs. Marcos. At Ponce Enrile family reunions, I was exposed to other versions of the story, just as intriguing and interesting but told with much more drama and humor. My *lola* and her siblings (including JPE) are hardly ever on the same side. But when they get majorly passionate, they are very, very funny!"

She was in Grade 5, she recalls, when she first learned about martial law mainly from history books and what people were saying in school. "Everyone was saying that the Marcoses were the bad guys, Enrile the opportunist and martial law the darkest era in Philippine history."

Born October 17, 1983, some two months after opposition senator Benigno Aquino was assassinated, 18-year-old Cris recalls little of the tethered realities that defined the martial law years. "I regarded it like the Spanish era and the Japanese occupation: as part of our history, with all the good and bad as well as the truths and the lies that come with it."

But her father made sure she would carry some memento from the times. "My father admired Ninoy Aquino and he was equally impressed with the young Kris. So now you know how I got my name," she says.

Martial law, she adds, didn't affect her "as much as Edsa 2 and the friendship my *lola* Armida had with President Estrada. It got so bad that my sister and I moved to another school where being a Marcos, Enrile, Ramos, Singson, or Ejercito or being showbiz is no big deal." She adds, "I feel kids should be encouraged to think independently and taught to respect other people's opinions. It's not about who our parents or grandparents are, or what they did and didn't do that define our character as a person. We do that on our own."

Based on what she's heard, Cris believes that "martial law gave us the best of times and the worst of times. They say it was a peaceful and quiet time and everyone followed rules. But then again, that didn't tell the whole story." Marcos, she adds, "was a brilliant man, and he did some good. All that infrastructure... and then there's the arts. But I guess he got too powerful and that wasn't good for the country at all."

Despite that, she believes that history would be "very kind to the Marcoses."

Strangely enough, Cris confesses to liking both Marcos and former President Corazon Aquino, who ousted the strongman through People Power at Edsa 1 in 1986. "You cannot separate the public and private life (of the country's leaders) and when you put them together, you come closer to the truth. From what I've seen of Cory and Marcos, I just really like them both."

But while Edsa 1 was a high point in Philippine history, Cris understandably feels more strongly about Edsa 2. It is, she believes, the most historic event in the country these last 30 years. "I was there, I experienced it, I lived it," says this Liberal Arts freshman at the Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

Being part of an upheaval that ended a similarly shameful episode in local history, Cris reveals, has shaped her views. "My unusual family background and exposure to showbiz has taught me to examine issues from all sides especially where they involve the Marcoses, the Aquinos, Enriles, add to that my grandmother Armida, Edsa 1 and 2, and all the bad stuff that came and went."

She muses: "Maybe we're not anywhere near to solving our problems, maybe we're just power-hungry crabs, maybe we're only experts in staging rallies and throwing out presidents, maybe we'll never be at peace. But again, imagine what would have happened if no one asks questions and no one demanded answers. Would we then be happy with this perfect efficient society where everybody did as they're told? That's something to think about."

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

ERIK Liongoren: Feeling the Aftershock

FOR 26-year-old photographer Erik Liongoren, the word that first comes to mind when he hears the phrase "martial law" is "curfew," referring to the ordinance that had people scurrying home or staying in at friends' houses to make sure the streets were empty by midnight. "I had no recollection of the time, so all I heard was my uncles talking about the curfew, and about bad cops who harassed people."

His parents did have their share of anti-establishment scrapes, however; Erik's father, artist Alfredo, painted abstract, incendiary social realist works; his mother, Norma, was also an activist, and today runs an art gallery and is actively involved in NGO work. Erik was 10 years old when his folks took him to Edsa 1 for the People Power Revolution. "It was fun, there were so many people," Erik recalls.

Erik discovered his calling during a year at the Philippine School of Interior Design, when he was required to photograph interiors. Today, he is one of the busiest young lensmen for architectural spaces and more in the local scene. "Now that I'm working, married and trying to earn a living, I realize how bad things were," he says. "I'm feeling the after-effects of the economic abuse. *Naghihirap tayo.*" In fact, Erik reckons, if you divided the published amount of ill-gotten wealth among all Filipinos, everybody would probably end up with something. "That's what, $12 billion? We'd all be happy! Marcos was our leader, and he should have taken care of us, or we wouldn't be in this economic mess."

An added irony is that Erik has, in the course of his work, befriended "little Aimee" Marcos, the Marcoses' adopted daughter, now 24 and studying in London. He was on assignment in Batac, Ilocos Norte for MTV Philippines, and also covering the death anniversary of "Koy-maks," as he calls the late dictator, when he bonded with the only other youngster in the group. Later, he would photograph Aimee in a fashion spread for a glossy magazine.

"I remember Aimee came to my house once, and my mother couldn't believe it. 'A Marcos, in my house!' my mom was telling me.'" When Erik is with his pal, he admittedly "cannot relate to the fact that she comes from the same family. I can't believe how much of a dictator Marcos was, until I hear the stories."

But has he ever asked Aimee about it? "Oh, no," he laughs. "The subject is taboo."

Alya B. Honasan

First Person

By Eric S. Caruncho

Civil Status: Widower

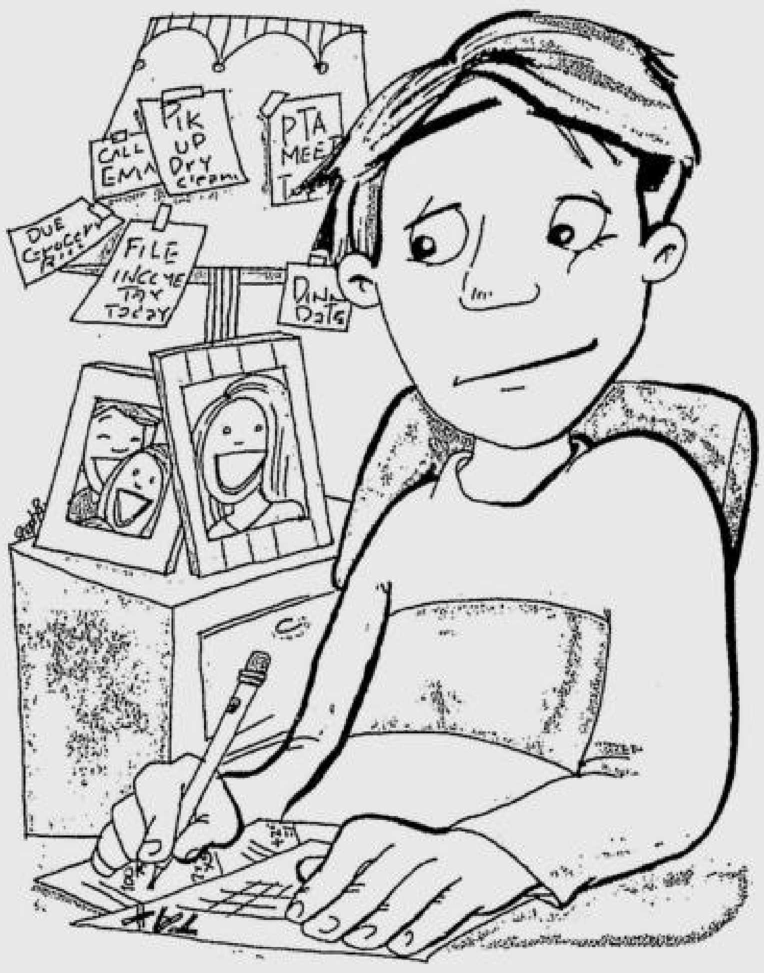


Illustration by STEPH BRAVO

IT finally dawned on me a few months after my wife of 18 years died following a long, difficult and draining struggle with cancer: there really was no going back.

> ***A widower is allowed to act like a single person, but his habits are still those of a married man. He wants the predictability, the set patterns of married life, whether it be porkchops on Thursday or sex twice a week***

I was filling out some government form or other - income tax, real estate tax -- one of those tiresome chores that I had been spared while my wife was alive and running the household. Anyway, I came to the heading titled "civil status", and for a minute or two, I absentmindedly thought of checking the box marked "single" before coming to my senses and finally checking the box for "widow/widower".

It was hard for me to picture myself as a "widower." I had always pictured widowers as wizened old men. I was 37 when my wife died, no spring chicken to be sure, a little worse for the mileage, but hardly wizened. I practically cringed the first time someone introduced me as *"viudo."* I mentally pictured silver-haired Eddie San Jose in some black-and-white early Sixties production, vainly trying to woo the heroine that Dolphy would walk off with at the end of the picture: not exactly the kind of self-image you need when you're trying to rebound from personal tragedy.

The alternative, *"balo,"* felt even worse: I associated it with other unpleasant Tagalog "b" words, like *baog, bano, baldado* ... you get the drift. In my fragile state of mind, *balo* sounded like you were never, ever going to get it up again. It sounded like you were ready for the scrap heap.

Besides, technically, I was single again, wasn't I? I was unattached, in the most extreme sense of the word.

It took a while before I would learn that being alone and being single were two different states of being altogether. But we're getting ahead of the story.

In late 1989, my wife was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor, a grade 2/3 astrocytoma, to be exact. It was one of those upheavals that completely turns your life around. One moment you're going about your business, the next you're staring into the abyss.

The following year we flew to the United States for a radical course of treatment: as much of the tumor as could safely be removed was surgically excised, and the remainder was bombarded with radiation for six weeks.

The treatment seemed to go well. The cancer went into remission, and we went home and got on with our lives as best we could. Apart from some problems with her memory and the need to stay on anti-seizure medication, my wife was largely free of symptoms.

Our doctors had told us that this type of tumor had a five-year survival rate, meaning that most of the people who get it survive an average of five years from the time of diagnosis. If you make it past that, there'd be a chance that you were in the clear, and that was what we were shooting for.

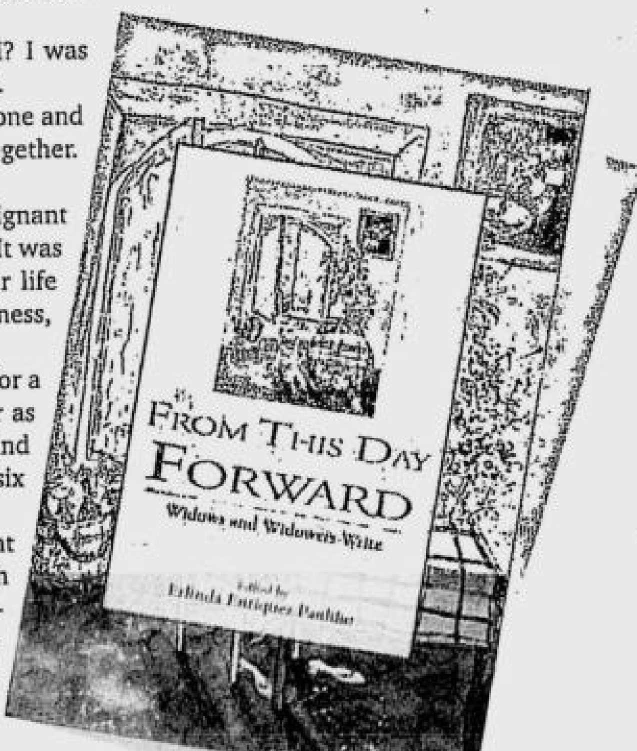
As it turned out, the five years when the tumor stayed in remission were among the happiest in our lives. A life-threatening illness is like a whack upside the head from a Zen master's staff: it hurts, but it wakes you up to the fact that all you really have is the present moment. If nothing else, the cancer had brought us closer together than we had ever been before.

Now that I think about it, five good years wasn't a bad deal. How many couples get five really good years, before they drift apart or settle into the grey zone of complacency?

By the time we learned that the tumor had returned, in a more aggressive form, we were more or less prepared to face it again. This time, surgery and further radiation were out of the question, and we felt chemotherapy would do more harm than good at this point. Our doctors eventually agreed: all we could do was go home.

Mine was, in retrospect, a gradual bereavement. We had been given plenty of time to come to terms with the possibility of death, and to accept it. The pain of loss was still there, but it had been spread out over a period of time in manageable doses—not dumped all at once in your lap as can sometimes happen. For that, at least, I was grateful.

Thankfully, also, there was almost no physical pain. Over the last few weeks of her life, my wife simply seemed to drift away from the world. She stopped speaking, then started sleeping more and more, until she entered her final sleep.



After the funeral and a decent time interval, well-meaning friends began to ask me what I was going to do, now that I was "single" again.

I hadn't really given it much thought. When your wife is facing terminal illness, you focus your energies on caring for her and hoping for the best. One thing you don't do is try to put a positive spin on the worst-case scenario: "Your wife's dying, but look at the bright side: At least you'll be single again." Easy enough during the day, but at night your thoughts take on a life of their own. I would try to blot these thoughts out of my mind. I felt like a dog for even being capable of thinking them.

But lying in bed, in the dark, I would catch myself thinking about the future -- my future -- now gathering speed and hurtling toward me.

Ironically, now that she really was gone, nothing could have been further from my mind. I had read somewhere that losing a mate was the highest form of stress that a person can be subjected to, even more stressful than losing a limb, or losing a job. Now I was experiencing it first-hand as I struggled to get on with my life. I had three young sons to support, on half the income we used to have. Who has time to think about meeting other people when you're scrambling to make ends meet?

You are of course familiar with the scene in the movies where the hero looks longingly at the portrait of a woman, and the girl asks: "Who is she?" Our hero answers: "She was my wife." The girl asks: "Was?" Our hero replies: "She died." There is a moment of poignant silence. Then they jump into bed and have sex.

Suffering from an irreplaceable loss and intense emotional pain is, among other things, terribly attractive to women. Everything in their nature wants to reach out and nurture you, soothe your pain, fill that void in your heart and make everything all right. They feel sorry for you, but at the same time they're challenged: let's see if that loss is really so irreplaceable.

Yes, being in intense psychic pain can be quite a turn-on, which is why guys learn to fake it so well. Of course, I wasn't faking. This was the real deal, but it didn't do me any good either.

In the year or so after my wife died, I slowly got back to normal. I wasn't actively looking, but I was at least back in the loop: working, socializing, meeting new people. A few friends tried to set me up with dates. They were invariably widows, or single mothers, or women recovering from disastrous relationships. I passed.

What were they thinking? There seemed to be some kind of logic behind my friends' trying to fix me up with similarly dysfunctional, incomplete persons. Maybe they were hoping that we would somehow make up for each other's deficiencies. It was like buying two junk cars hoping that you could get at least one of them in running condition by swapping parts.

Besides, I didn't know where to begin. After 18 years of marriage, my single-guy skills had completely atrophied. They were right: use it or lose it.

All marriages are, to some extent, marriages of convenience. No matter how relationships begin, if they last, they eventually settle into a mutually acceptable comfort zone as both partners find the most efficient way of living together - both economically and emotionally.

For the guy, this essentially means reverting as far back into being a slob as his partner can tolerate. Guys want to put the least amount of maintenance into the relationship. That way they have more time and energy left for other pursuits, such as drinking beer with the boys or accessorizing the car. Guys don't really mind taking the wife out once in a while for a nice evening of fine dining, like if it's her birthday or their anniversary. But most of the time, they'd rather be watching the NBA playoffs on ESPN.

Most guys start off like Sir Walter Raleigh and end up like Homer Simpson. One minute they're opening car doors for their partners and making them breakfast so they can sleep late on Sunday mornings. The next they're forgetting to put the toilet seat back down after they use it (or worse, forgetting to put it up before).

This is the downside of intimacy. Familiarity breeds, not exactly contempt, but a kind of laziness. Specially if it's familiarity with your partner's dirty underwear.

After 18 years living in this comfortable pattern, did I have the energy to start all over again? Would I even know how?

My first chance to find out turned into a complete fiasco. Two years after my wife's death, to my complete surprise, I found myself strongly attracted to a woman. There were plenty of opportunities to pursue a relationship, but at the critical junctures, I froze.

Now that I think about it, it wasn't so much fear of intimacy (that bugbear of women's magazine pop psychology) that held me back. I wanted intimacy, and the other things that intimacy leads to, like sex. It was more fear of the work involved in getting to that intimacy. More than anything, I wanted to recapture that comfortable, efficient groove that married life had become for me. But I realized that it had taken a long time, and a lot of work, to get there, and the thought of having to start all over again was, frankly, daunting.

Marriage changes a man. You really do become part of something bigger—a unit. And when a marriage ends, with the death of a partner or emotional separation, it takes a while for the survivors to regain their wholeness. Before that happens, you're not all there.

A widower is a married man whose wife just happens to be dead. He is allowed to act like a single person, but his habits are still those of a married man. He wants the predictability, the set patterns of married life, whether it be porkchops on Thursday or sex twice a week.

That's the reason why they have three categories under "civil status" (apart from the obvious bureaucratic ones). You don't become single again just because you're available. It takes a lot of reframing, and above all, time, before you can finally shed the ghosts of the past and move on.

Old habits die hard, but I think I'm beginning to get the hang of it.

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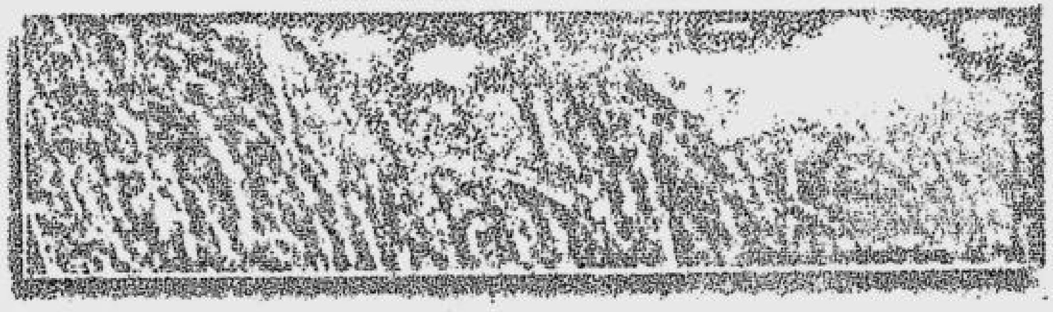
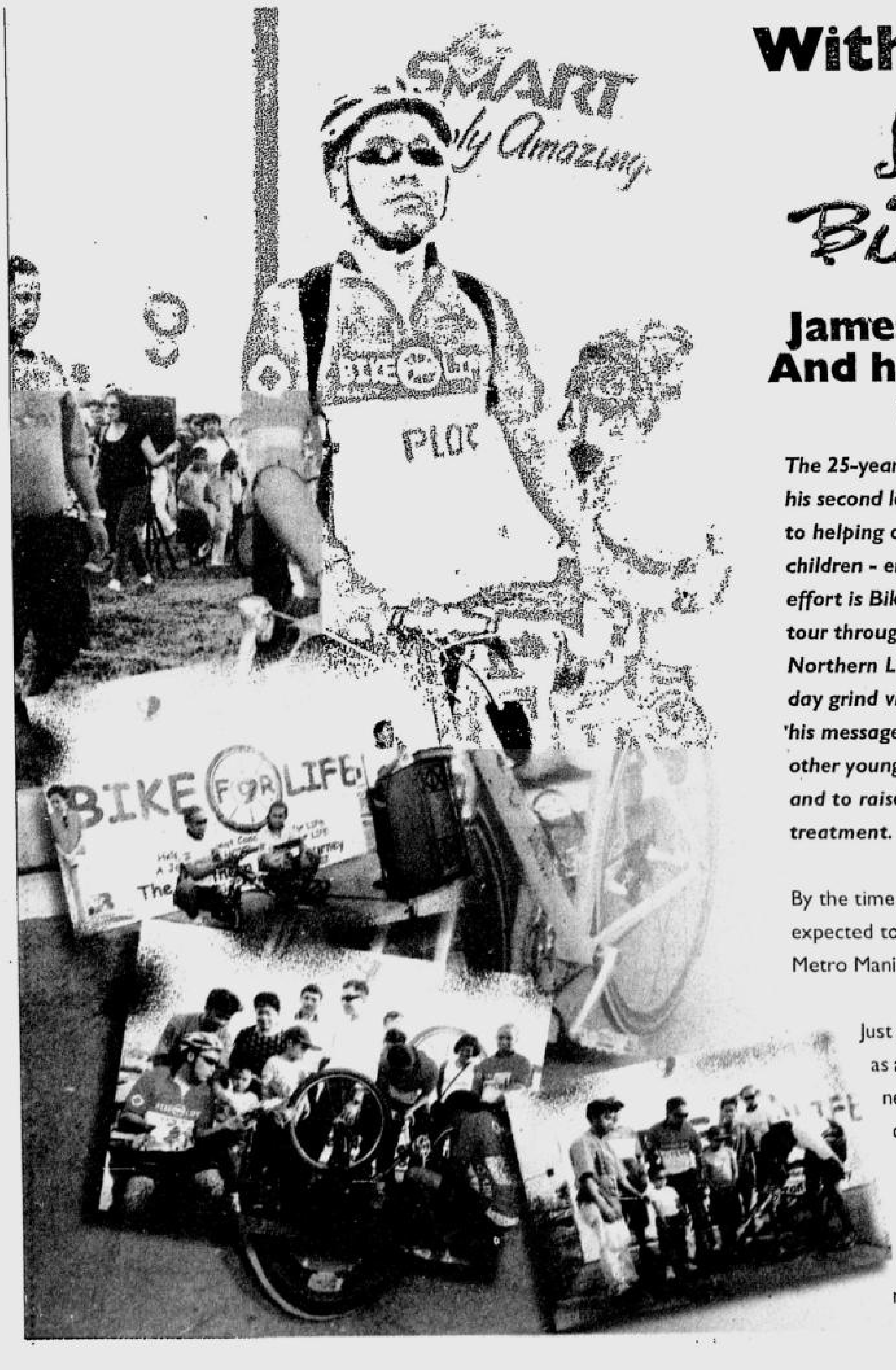
That album launch will be on September 27, Friday, at hot spot Greek resto Mati at Power Plant, Rockwell. This "sunrise party" starts at 11:00pm and ends at 7:00am with DJ Anton spinning live. Hear some of his most evocative Chillout work to date. It's an exclusive event for SMART subscribers and likewise only the hippest of the hip will be there. So be SMART, nobody else can chill like this.



With Heart, With SMART

James Auste Bikes for Life

James Auste is a man on a mission. And he's fighting for dear life - a life that could just be yours.



The 25-year old is a cancer survivor, and his second lease on life is now dedicated to helping others - particularly, young children - enjoy the same gift. His latest effort is Bike For Life, a two-wheeled tour through the peaks and plains of Northern Luzon - a grueling fourteen-day grind via which he hopes to share his message of hope and inspiration to other young people stricken with cancer, and to raise funds for those in need of treatment.

By the time this story sees print, James is expected to be wheeling his way back into Metro Manila - and to a hero's welcome.

Just as when he first battled cancer as a patient, James isn't alone in his new struggle against the deadly disease. His band of biker-brothers, some twenty volunteers who signed up for his anti-cancer caravan from the get-go - augmented by many others who joined at different stages of his journey - have kept him company throughout.

SMART Communications has likewise remained with him every pedal-push of the way, offering him constant celfone connection to his family, friends and support crew, through its unrivalled network coverage. James is thankful that at any time throughout the tour, he has been able to use his SMART celfone to talk to his advance party and coordinate every leg of his journey.

When he addressed well-wishers at his send-off two weeks ago, James spoke of driving home the message that cancer can be beaten. And that we can all do something to help.

Today, James Auste, cancer survivor, winds up his Bike For Life tour, having spread the word, having touched lives, and having inspired cancer patients to survive - and sympathizers to share and to serve.

James Auste. Simply Amazing.

Foodies

By Cora Llamas
Photographs by Roger Carpio

High on Global Cuisine

Former PAL employees and globetrotters bring the best culinary discoveries from their travels to a cozy restaurant

Sisters Melissa and Micki Gutierrez and long-time friend Tess Manzano

HOW do you wing it when your flying years are over?

For two retired Philippine Air Line (PAL) flight attendants, a brother still active in the airline, and a long-time friend who also flew the skies with them, the answer is simple: put up a restaurant where Pinoys can get a taste of international cuisine at very affordable prices.

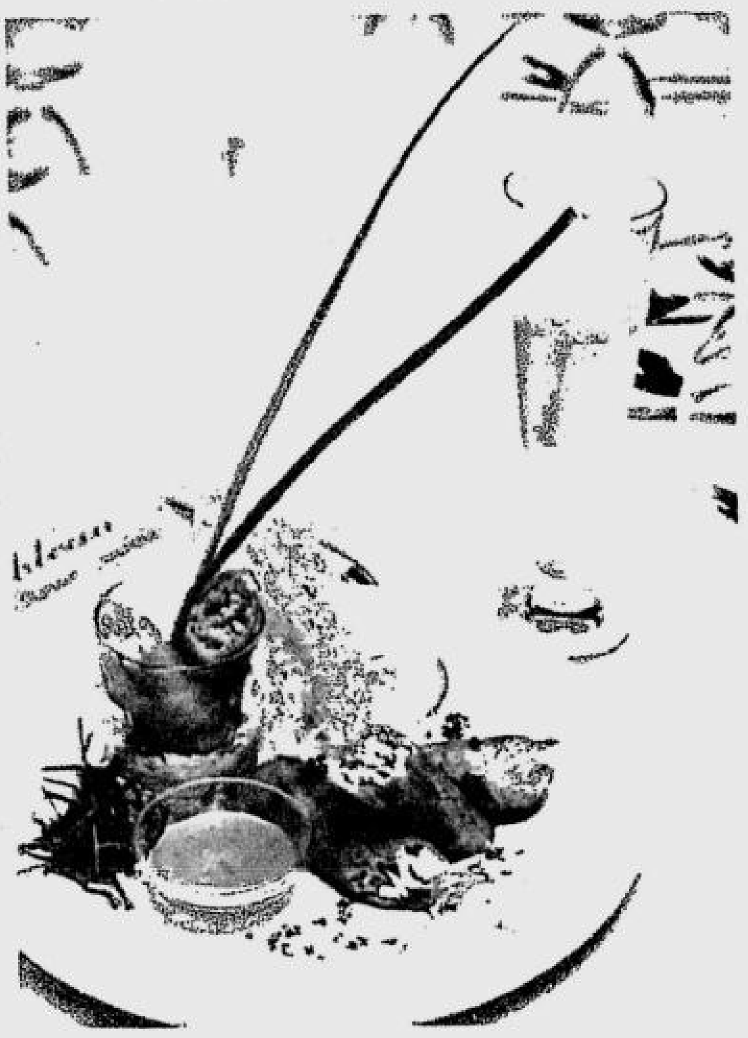
Tableau, located at Pearl Drive in Ortigas, has been drawing a steady stream of loyal customers since it opened this year. While one look at the place immediately shows you an elegant ambience reminiscent of high-end restos in Makati or Ortigas, the partners quickly emphasize that it's not exactly "fine-dining."

Resident chef Tess Manzano says, "As far as cuisine is concerned, people can expect the same quality they'd get from a hotel. But they don't have to get all dressed-up."

Tableau can easily be the resto you'd come to relax in after a hard day's work, or spend some quality time with your family during the weekends.

In more ways than one, that's what it is for Tess and her partners: the siblings Melissa, Micki, and Patrick Gutierrez. While Patrick still works as a steward, the sisters have gone off on their own after 12 years of service. The brood practically grew up as PAL kids. Their father was a purser at PAL, a paternal aunt was a stewardess, and a maternal relative was a plane captain.

Growing up with a father who practically flew every hour of his life, the Gutierrez kids learned to live with his absence—and jumped for joy at every reunion when their old man would bring in bags of "*pasalubong*." It was natural for them to follow in his footsteps.



Obviously, travel was a major attraction. At any given time, each of them would fly on assignment to the United States, Asia, and Europe, enjoying a four-day stop-over in major cities. Adjusting to other peoples' cultures—in the air or on the ground—always remained an experience of discovery and an occasional challenge.

Patrick explains how the seemingly glamorous job has its share of dirty work. "It's hard to please the Europeans because they can be demanding. Despite our limited stock of consumables, they keep asking for more. If we run out, they'd get angry. The Koreans you encounter on the aisle would just bump you. Or if they want to ask you something, they make '*kalabit* (tap you)'—which is a no-no for Filipinos when you're a stranger. Fortunately, we've had some Korean interpreters who explained this behavior to us."

Melissa adds, "The Chinese don't know it, but some of their behavior can be a turn-off to Filipinos. A lot of them leave their false teeth in the bathroom or just put them on the food tray—and afterwards, ask us to look for it!"

Melissa describes one interesting cultural idiosyncracy she encountered in her travels. "The Italians expect you to know their language when you're in their country. But look at this. If you ask directions in English, they won't pay attention to you. But if you ask the same in Tagalog, *tuturuan ka nila*!"

Of course, there are the brighter moments which add that needed extra wind to a tired steward's sails.

Patrick says, "The Canadians are very friendly and have smiling faces. They'd go out of their way to help you out when you're in their country."

Karachi, which the partners admit is not the usual city any passenger or flight crew normally wants to visit, remains a favorite. Tess recounts, "Because we've been there on several flights, we were able to appreciate the people. Their eyes are so soulful. The place too is so exotic with its boat rides and spices." Patrick enthuses on the politeness of the Indians, "They treated us like kings and queens. They would carry our luggage from the airport and bring them to the hotel, and you'd only have to give them less than a dollar."

Off-duty, Tess would saunter off to the market, checking out ingredients, browsing through the greens, the meats and the spices. "Paris had a lot of vegetable stands. The Karachi market is dirtier and more confusing than ours. You could see flies buzzing over the meat."

As someone who likes to cook in her spare time, Tess saw travel as a means to enhance her culinary skills. Name a city and chances are, she has checked out its food. She'd make it a point to eat everywhere, from the cheapest eatery to expensive fine-dining places, tasting the cuisine, soaking in the atmosphere. At the request of the crew, she'd whip up their favorite international cuisine in their hotel's kitchen.

After leaving PAL, Tess worked in a bistro in Manila, learning first-hand the art of being a full-time chef. When the Gutierrez sisters put up their own restaurant a few years later, they asked Tess to come on board. Right now, Tess runs the kitchen while the sisters run the daily management.

Every day, as people troop in to their resto, the partners make sure they sample the delicacies they've enjoyed in those many trips. Food lovers can also find their favorite international dish under one roof.

Tess gives a preview: "To start with, there's *paella* from Spain, Hainanese chicken from Singapore, Moroccan salmon with lentils, a little of everything, and springles with squid, a bit Asian." Just like the partners' sojourns, "Tableau's cuisine is cross-cultural."

Tableau Euro-Asian Cuisine is on the 2nd Floor, 8101 Pearl Plaza, Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center. Call 637-8016 or 637-8018.

Counter-clockwise from top:Spring Roll, Oodles with Tea Noodles and Paella

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LoveNotes

By Joe D' Mango

She Can't Make up Her Mind

I don't know what I am doing to myself. Is it right to fall in love with someone else while I'm still committed?

Dear Joe,

You have always been very helpful, especially to those who desperately need enlightenment, so I always find time to tune in to your program.

I don't know what I am doing to myself. Is it right to fall in love with someone else while I'm still committed?

I was in college when I met Borj. We became close friends. He courted me and, after a few months, we were already a couple. We've been going steady for five years now. We love each other so much, Joe. There have been a lot of changes in life since I met him. In fact, he's my first serious boyfriend. I told myself that whoever I give my virginity to will be the one I'll marry. We expect to settle down in the next three years. I was so sure that Borj was the one, Joe, until I met Noel.

I work at one of the top corporations in Makati and had always thought I was happy with my boyfriend. But my life changed the moment I met Noel. We worked in the same building. I'd always see him but he would never see me.

One morning, he smiled at me, and then I smiled back. He asked me if there was any vacancy in our office because his friend needed work. He gave me his cellphone number and email address. I e-mailed him and, two days later, he replied by asking me out for lunch. A week after we had our first lunch date and from then on, he was sending me text messages everyday. We never expected it. It was too fast.

I think I'm falling in love with Noel, but I'm trying to control my feelings. He was assigned to Subic Freeport and before he left, he told me that he was marrying his ex-girlfriend. I was so shocked. He never told me that he was engaged. I was willing to let him go but he said no because he loved me, too. That night I felt so bad. I cried a lot because I knew he can never be my boyfriend; he'd never be mine.

One night we went to a hotel. He had promised me that nothing would happen between us. He just wanted to be with me the whole night. We talked the whole night and nothing happened. I was so happy and the thought of losing him scared me.

The following day, I decided to end our relationship. But he didn't want to let go. But there are a lot of questions in my mind. What if he sees his girlfriend? What if he never loved me at all? How long can we hide this relationship?

Joe, tell me, do I have to stop this relationship? I am so confused. At times I feel strong and have the courage to end whatever we are doing, then I am haunted by the feeling of sadness and longing. I don't want my boyfriend to know about this, I love him. But why am I doing this to him? Please enlighten me.

Sincerely,
Honey

Dear Honey,

You have heard time and again the age-old cliché that you cannot have your cake and eat it, too. I honestly believe that we cannot constantly and deliberately hurt someone and still claim that we love that person. You know that you cannot have Noel. Neither can you hide your affair from your boyfriend forever. You cannot play with fire too long and not get burned. Sooner or later, you will have to face the consequences of your actions.

Keeping all these from your boyfriend just puts you in a bigger dilemma. If you are not happy with him, then be true to him. It is better to hurt a person by being honest than by misleading him with lies. I don't see any point in continuing a relationship with your boyfriend if you don't love him anymore.

Honey, God allows someone else to step into our lives to find out how strong our love is and how committed we are to those we vowed to love. This is the ultimate test in any relationship. If you allow your heart to be taken away by Noel, then you should be fair with Borj. Be responsible for your decisions. Our actions can make or break people. Choose which way you want to go and make sure you are not distracted by ripples on the surface.

Stop making yourself believe that you love your boyfriend because your actions show otherwise. Love and lies don't come together because people who love each other are faithful to one another. That is how it should be. If it isn't, then it isn't love.

The Word

CMY is 20

Now on its second decade, CMY serves as a place of prayer and discernment for battered youths

A reunion of hilarity and thanksgiving

THE CENTER for Migrant Youth (CMY) celebrates its 20th year this month.

CMY is simply a "welcome shed" in the city for provincial street vagrants (age 15-20) who had been displaced in the city and abused by city dwellers. It started as a halfway shelter for young rehabilitated first offenders and mentally impaired outpatients who had no relatives here.

CMY serves as a place of prayer and discernment for battered youths—a space where they can quietly grieve and heal their wounds, and from where they are gently urged to move on and face again what remains of their young lives.

CMY also discreetly welcomes the so-called "footloose" street people, especially children and youth, to spend rainy nights and take a meal or two with us, to take a badly needed bath and to wash and dry their clothes before they return to the streets again.

CMY deliberately remains a small community of 20 residents at a time, formerly unwashed and unwanted migrant and street youth who have accepted our invitation to go back to school (primary, secondary and college), and who have managed to prove their worth.

We have "graduated" at least five generations of CMYers who started as street bums—abandoned, lonely, hopeless and scared—and who have strived to stand up and walk straight through the years to become seafarers, overseas Filipino workers and small entrepreneurs. Butch Nerja, for example, is now a certified street educator for Childhope Asia; Anthony Quinagon is a professional social worker for the Reception Action Center for Mendicants in Quezon City; Liza M. Dominguez is an occupational therapist at the National Orthopedic Center; Arturo Getigan is a radiologist in Libya; Ernie Felisilda is a school teacher in Mindanao; Benjie Ortega is an optometrist in Dammam; Tolits Lagarde is a Rolex watch specialist; Joey Formaran (Blakdyak) is in the entertainment business; Mateo Addangna is an evangelist Protestant pastor; Joe Ladip is in the real estate and FX Taxi operation business; Cris Ortega and George Acidre are computer technicians in South Korea and Hong Kong respectively; Joseph Pidot is a Franciscan monk, Gwen Bardi and two others are in the seminary. And others.

One weekend, three CMY anniversaries ago, a group of former "*mga batang yagit*," all CMY alumni, came together for a reunion workshop to parody their "gutter past" before sitting down to reflect prayerfully on their "Good Friday exposure" in the city. Not that they enjoyed mimicking and ridiculing the terrible pain and suffering they experienced in their lives. They simply wanted to prove that they have already gone through the four stages of grieving according to Elizabeth Kubler-Ross (denial, anger, bargaining and depression), and were about to enter the last stage (acceptance)—the stage where they were already beginning to feel free and relaxed to crack jokes, to laugh and to forgive and forget the hurts of the past. They created outrageous costumes for themselves and mimicked their memories after which they prayed the "Prayer for Healing Our Inner Wounds" forgiving their parents in the process, forgiving themselves and the people who hurt them in their childhood. I saw tears forming in the eyes of Joey, 30, and Gani, 28, who were both given away to strangers when they were infants; one was left to a nurse at birth and the other was sold to a handicapped vendor for P700.

Someone clicked the camera button and caught their mischievous clowning, and lo and behold, what you see here is what you get—a dismal imitation of the "jologs," whoever they are. No tears of grieving this time, but of hilarity and thanksgiving. End of telenovela.

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Today is the first celebration of our 20th year.

Eucharist at 8:15 a.m. at 103 Cordillera St., SMH in Quezon City followed by a community potluck breakfast.

Next Sunday, Sept. 29, is the second celebration of our 20th years.

Eucharist at 10 a.m. at Shepherd's Place, Greenfield Subdivision, Bukal, Dasmariñas, Cavite, followed by a community potluck brunch.

Remember to bring 1) your potluck agape; 2) your sustenance alms for CMY and the street poor (choose from the following items: beddings like mat, pillow, blanket; milk, sugar, coffee, rubber slippers, canned foods, toiletries, noodles); 3) to pray for us please.

Four Decades of Malang

Renowned artist Malang will exhibit over a hundred old and new paintings spanning 40 years of his career in a solo exhibit, "Malang: Vendors and Cities," organized by HSBC. The exhibit is a tribute to Malang's achievements and keen visual record of the people who work and live in Manila. The artworks on exhibit include pen and ink drawings, paintings with pastel, watercolor, gouache, acrylic and oil as media. Most of these have not been seen publicly before. According to the wishes of Malang, all the exhibited artworks will not be for sale. In a limited edition book featuring his artworks in the "Vendors and Cities" exhibit, Malang himself puts in plain words annotations of his works. HSBC credit card holders get an exclusive 50 percent discount on the book. The exhibit is ongoing at the Central Lobby, The Enterprise Center in Makati City until Sept. 28.

Malang ponders city life in a new exhibit

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

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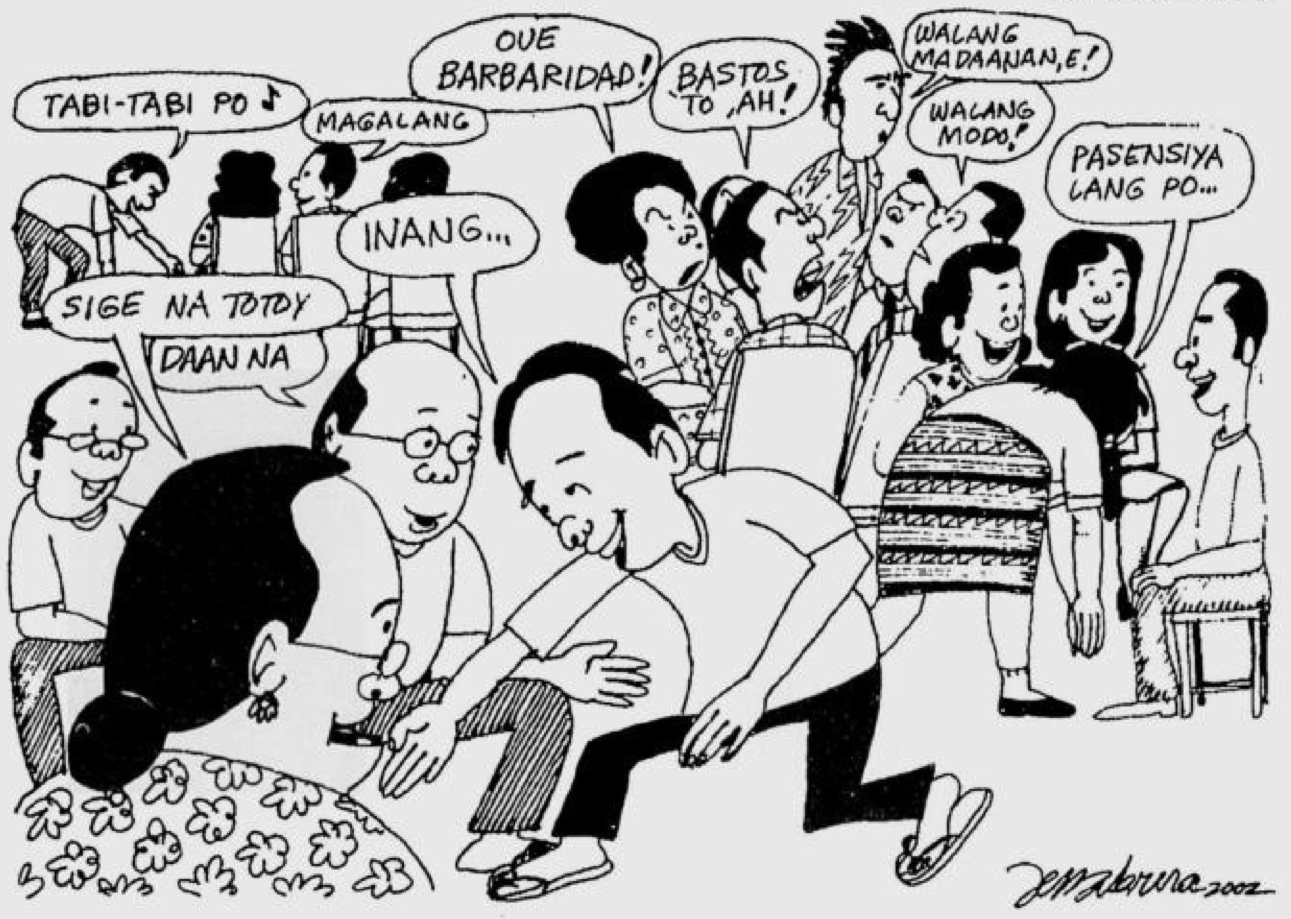
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This Week

Art

Arts Croisés, an exposition of works of Impy Pilapil and Edmund Bendijo at the lobby Art Café gallery of Inter-Continental Manila until Sept. 29.

Soft II, a group exhibit by Tres Acidos artists Andres Barrioquinto, Kiko Escora, Joel Mendez, Butch Payawal and Ronald Ventura at the Grand Boulevard Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila until Sept. 25.

Mga Anak ng Araw, an exhibit of book illustrations by Ruben M. De Jesus at the UP Vargas Museum until Sept. 26.

2002, recent works by Mark Justiniani at the Galleria Duemila until Sept. 29.

Vistas, an exhibit exploring organic and technological elements in futuristic and surreal settings by Alan SyCip until Sept. 30 at the Ayala Museum.

Scelta Obligatoria, an exhibit of paintings and mixed media art by At Maculangan at Green Papaya Art Projects, 124A Maginhawa St., Teachers Village, Diliman, QC until Sept. 30.

Music

Quadrille, an ensemble concert featuring veteran pianists Mary Ann Rivas Armovit, Della Gamboa Besa, Anamaria Gregorio de Guzman and Raul M. Sunico on Sept. 28, 7 p.m. at the Francisco Santiago Hall of Equitable PCIBank Tower 1, Makati Avenue cor, H.V. dela Costa Street, Makati City. For details, call 818-1403 and 813-2849.

The Cultural Center of the Philippines' Filipino Artists Series presents **bassoonist Adolfo Mendoza** on Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino. For details, call 551-7930.

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For animal lovers and non-animal lovers alike, you can help and enjoy the fun at the staging of Repertory Philippines' **Snow White** for the benefit of PAWS Animal Rehabilitation Center (PARC). You can buy tickets from the Philippine Animal Welfare Society with tel. nos. 725-7060, 724-6395 or 0917-8315970 or from any PAWS volunteer you know. You can also email your telephone numbers to paws_hq@compass.com.ph, so a volunteer near you can deliver the tickets at your doorstep. Tickets will be available until Sept. 26 only.

The **NVM Gonzalez Award** is now open to all Filipino writers in English for the Best Published Short Story of the Year. Eligible are short stories in English published within Oct. 16, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2002. Deadline for submission is Oct. 15. Entries must be submitted in six copies of the manuscript (typewritten, double-spaced), including one original published form, and the author's profile to: NVM Awards, c/o aklat@laruan, 2/F FBR Arcade, 317 Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, Quezon City 1108. For inquiries, call 435-4573 (from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

The College of Social Work and Community Development will conduct a **seminar on Genetically Modified Organisms and their Implications to Social Development** on Oct. 23-25 at the CSWCD Conference Room, UP Diliman. Registration fee is P4,500 inclusive of food, kits and training materials. For registration, call 929-2477 or 920-5301 to 99 loc. 5278.

The Center for Environmental Awareness and Education will conduct an **environmental education workshop** on Sept. 28, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the ISO Building, Ateneo de Manila University. Participants will be introduced to the internationally recognized curriculum, Project WET or Water Education for Teachers. Registration fee is P700/person. For details, call Katinka C. Rodriguez at 899-5660 or email katinka@ceae.org.

The Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology is holding the **Sci-Artists' Competition** open to Filipino students in grades 5 to 7, ages 10-13. Artworks should interpret the theme "*Batang Agham sa Bagong Milenyo*" focussing on Science as A Way of Life: Energy and Environment and should be mounted on an 18" x 20" format. Use of indigenous materials is highly encouraged. Registration is ongoing. Application forms may be secured at the Department of Education and Department of Science and Technology regional/provincial centers and division offices. For details, call (02) 536-3092/525-8418 (telefax).

Campus writers around Luzon are invited to the **Luzonwide Journalism and Arts Workshop 2002** and the 25th NCR Regional Student Press Congress on October 4-6 at the Escaler Hall of the Ateneo de Manila University. Delegates will be treated to simultaneous classroom discussions that will feature 32 topics on journalism, the arts and current events. For inquiries, call Mark Angeles at 0919-5895812 or telefax 493-0082.

Relearn the correct habits of natural vision using the Bates Method through **Healthy Eyes: Improve Your Eyesight Naturally workshop**. Free intro lectures on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 at 10 a.m.; Oct. 1 and 8 at 6:30 p.m.; Oct. 2 and 9) at 10 a.m. Workshop classes start Oct. 12. For details, call In Touch Community Services (48-A McKinley Rd., Makati) at 893-7606 or 810-6233.

Pinoy Writers Workshop offers dynamic exercises and interactive modules that allows you to learn writing with a creative twist. Workshops to be held at Cafe Literati, 3rd Floor inside Goodwill Glorietta every Saturday. Registration fee is P200. For inquiries, call 893-9079 and 823-9591 or log on to www.PinoyWriters.Net.

The School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies, DLSU-College of Saint Benilde, 2544 Taft Ave., Manila is offering **Filipino Sign Language classes**. Enrollment ongoing until Sept. 28. Interested applicants may inquire at the SDEAS Office at Room B105 or call 526-7441 to 47 loc. 131.

Haribon is taking its members to a **birdwatch and eco-tour** in Subic Bay on Sept. 27-28. The trip is also open to non-Haribon members. For inquiries, call 920-7430 or 434-8237.

Trumpets announces the opening of Playshop 2002's October to December classes: Music and Movement for Pre-School (Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon); Children's Musical Theater (Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.); Musical Theater for Teens and Adults (Tuesdays and Fridays, 7-9 p.m.); Sing and Dance (Mondays and Saturdays, 7-9 p.m.); Streetdancing for Kids and Teens (Saturdays, 4-6 p.m.), plus Jazz and Individual Voice Lessons (by schedule). Classes will be held at Stageworx, 5th Level, Shangri-La Plaza Mall. For details, call 636-2842 or 633-5010.

X-manila

Mga Kuwentong Asyano, a PETA presentation of Rody Vera's award-winning children's play on popular folk tales from all over Asia, will be presented at SM City Bacoor Cinema 6 on Sept. 24-26 with shows at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. For tickets, call 410--822 and 724-9637.

The **breast cancer recovery center** of the Rosa F. Meneses Breast Cancer Foundation will be inaugurated on Sept. 23 in Barangay San Pedro, Tiaong, Quezon. The Center will serve as a haven for empowering women afflicted with the disease to confront and live with breast cancer with full honor and dignity. For details, call 426-3197.

Luntiang Siit Inc. presents the play ***Bulong ng Siglo (Pagkakaiba ng kabataan noon at ngayon)*** at the St. Mary's Academy of Baliuag, Baliuag, Bulacan on Sept. 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at P40 will be available at the gate.

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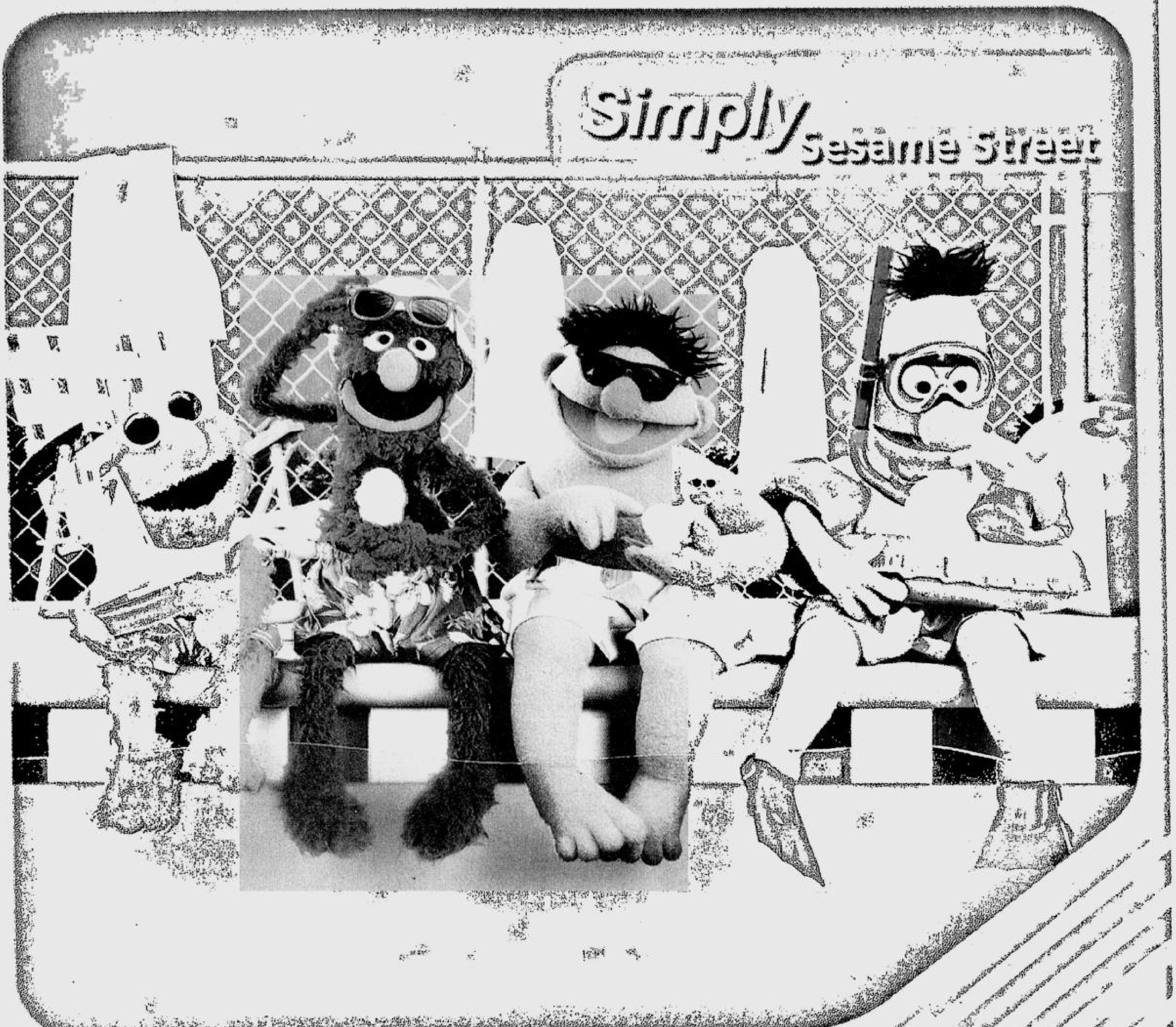

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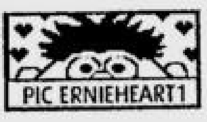
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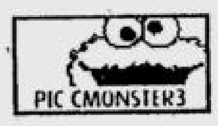
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